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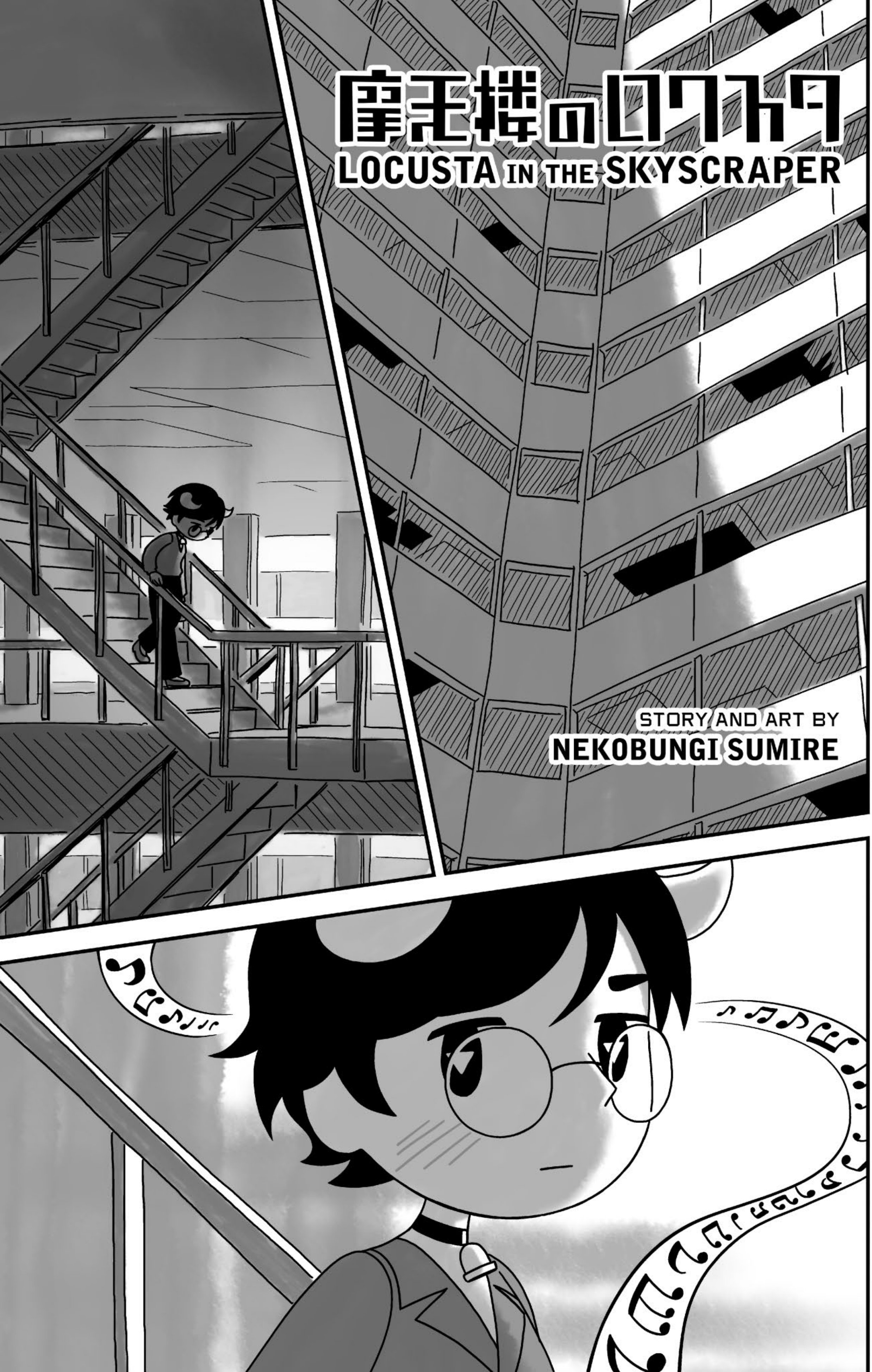

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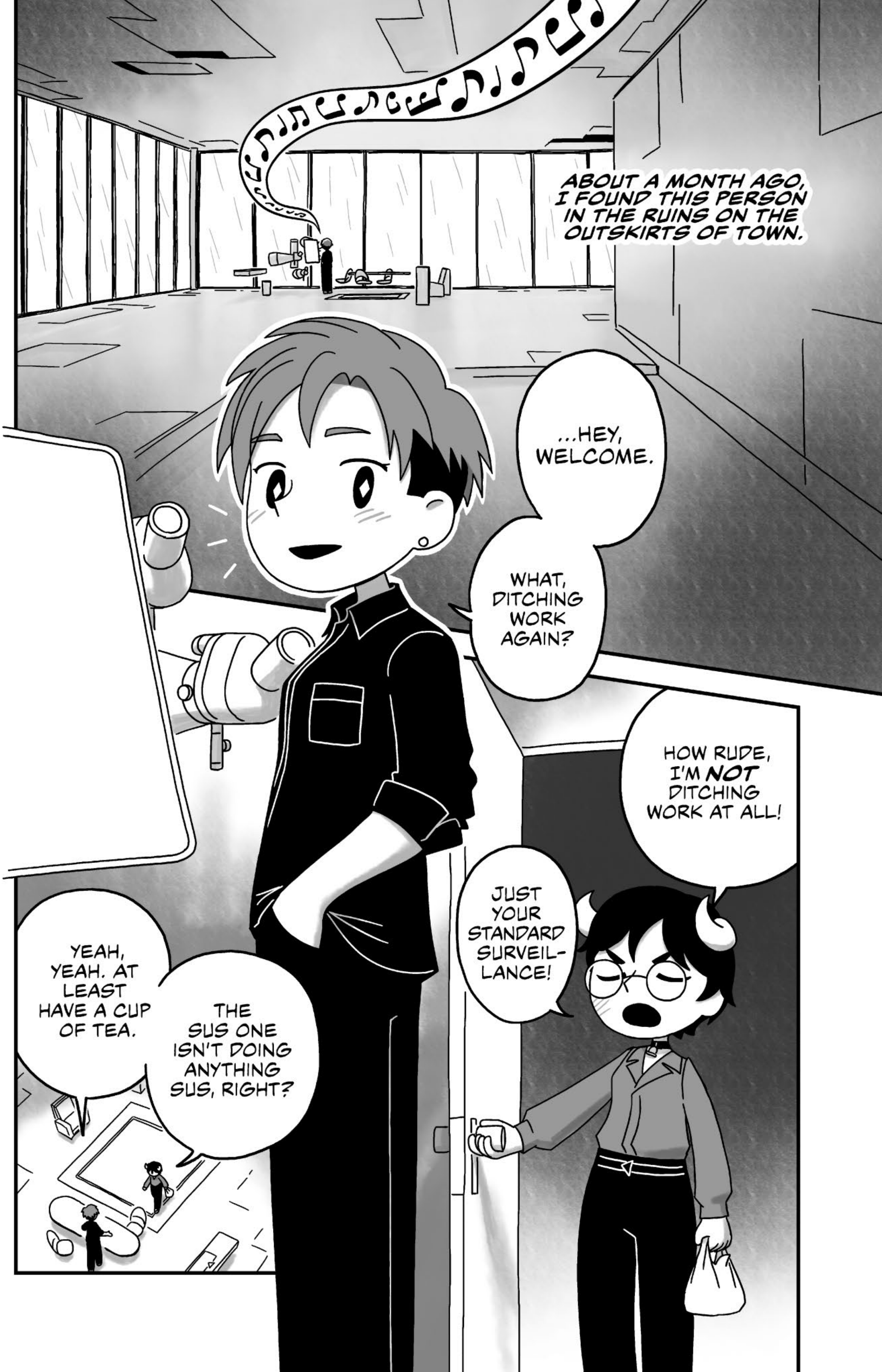
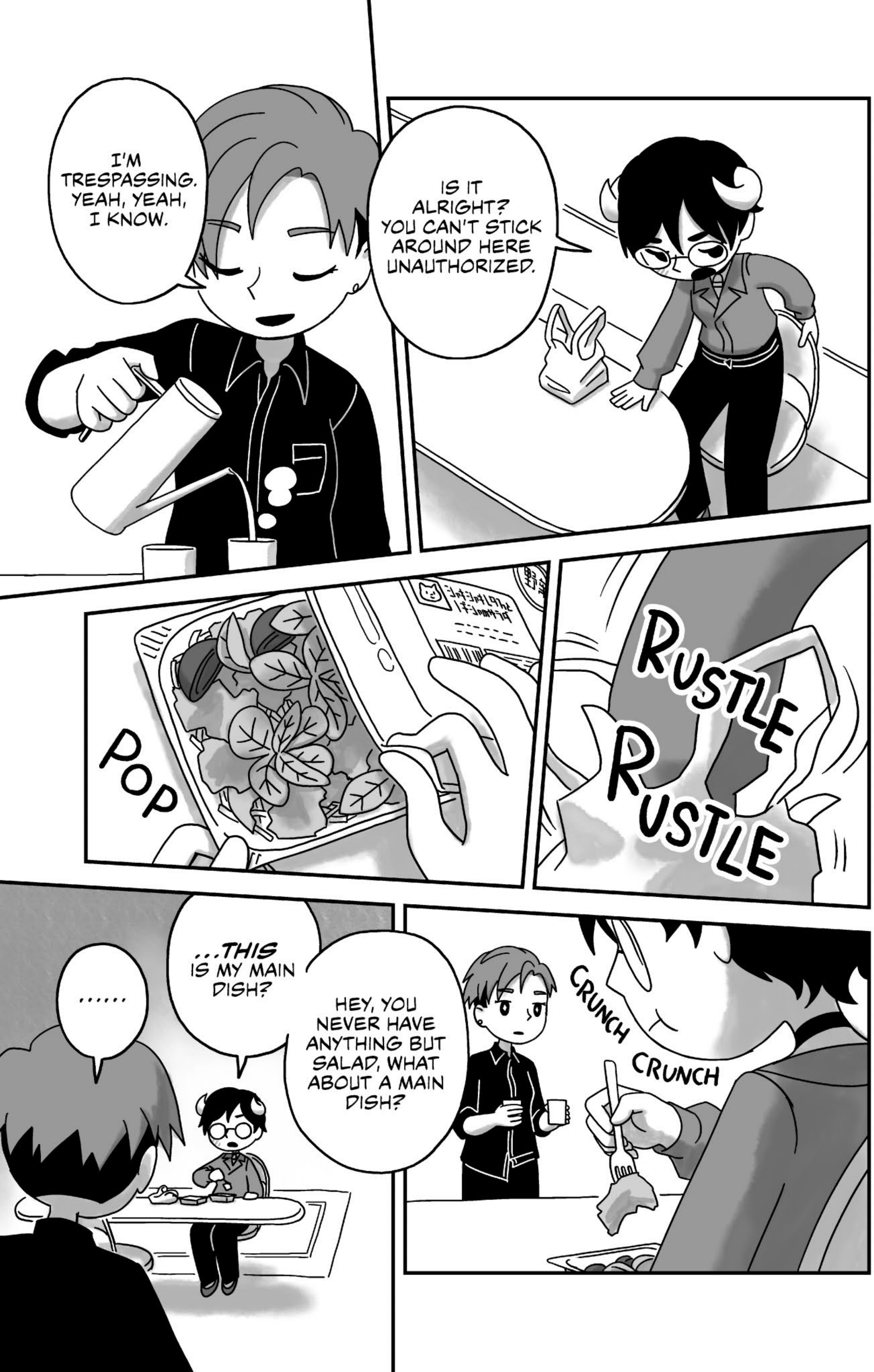
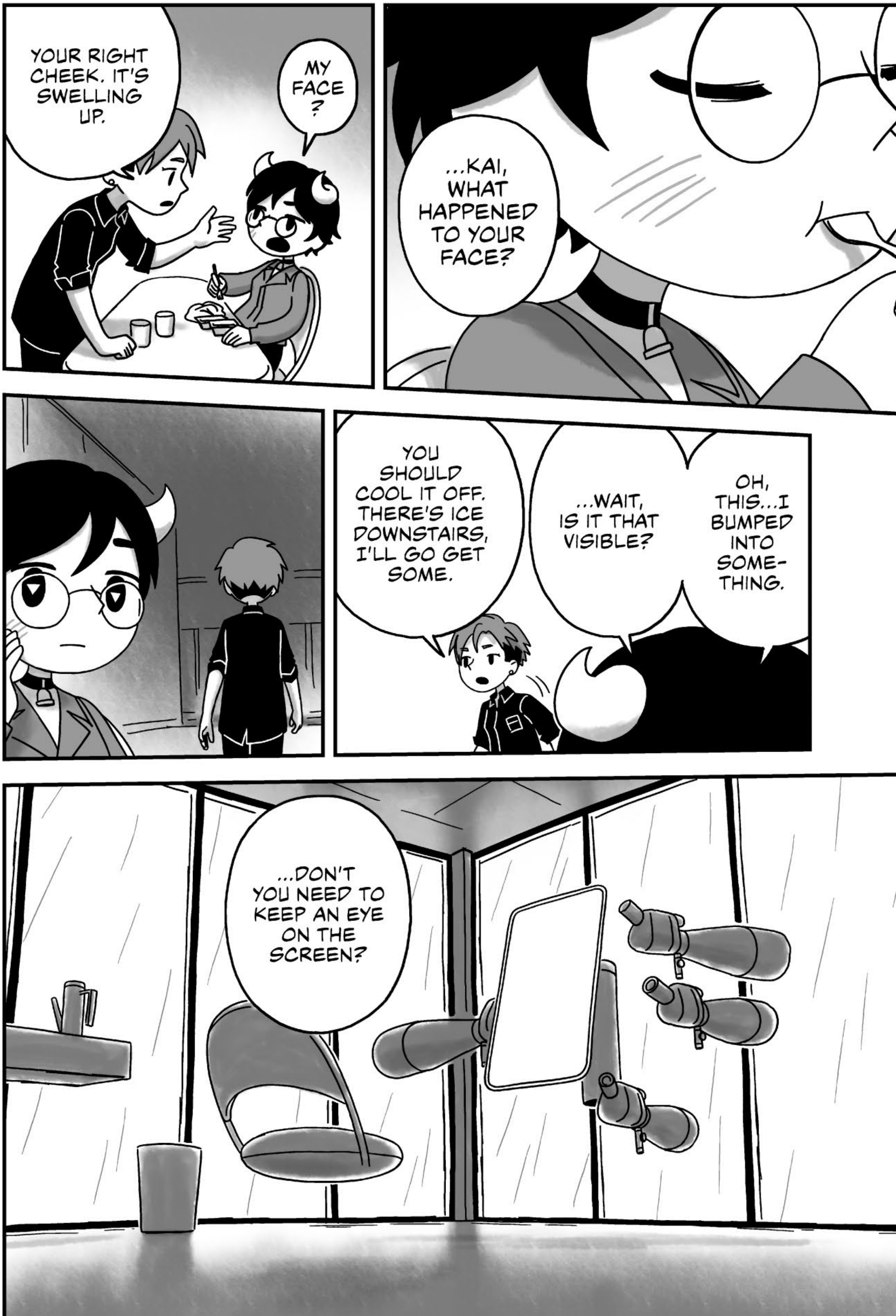
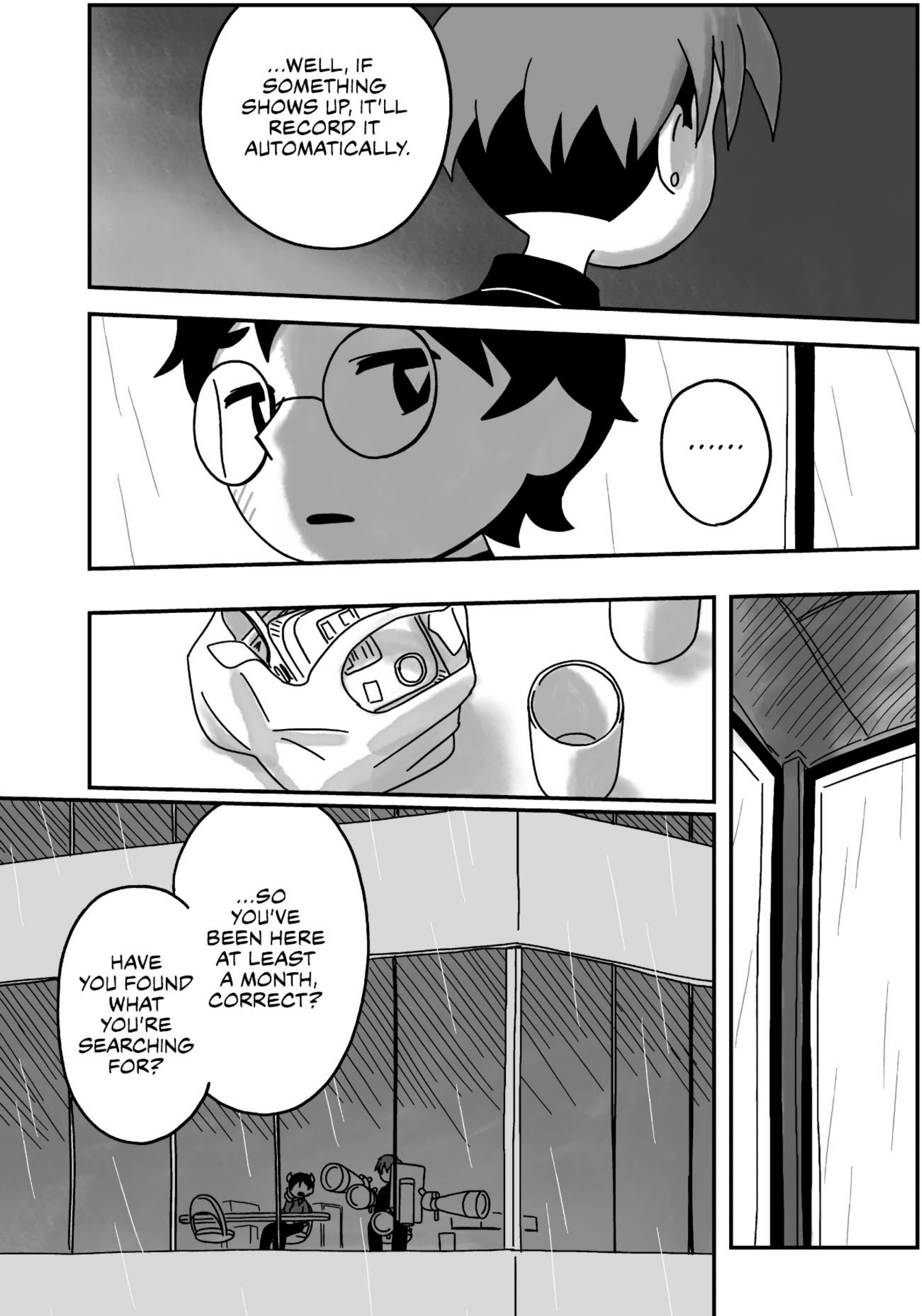
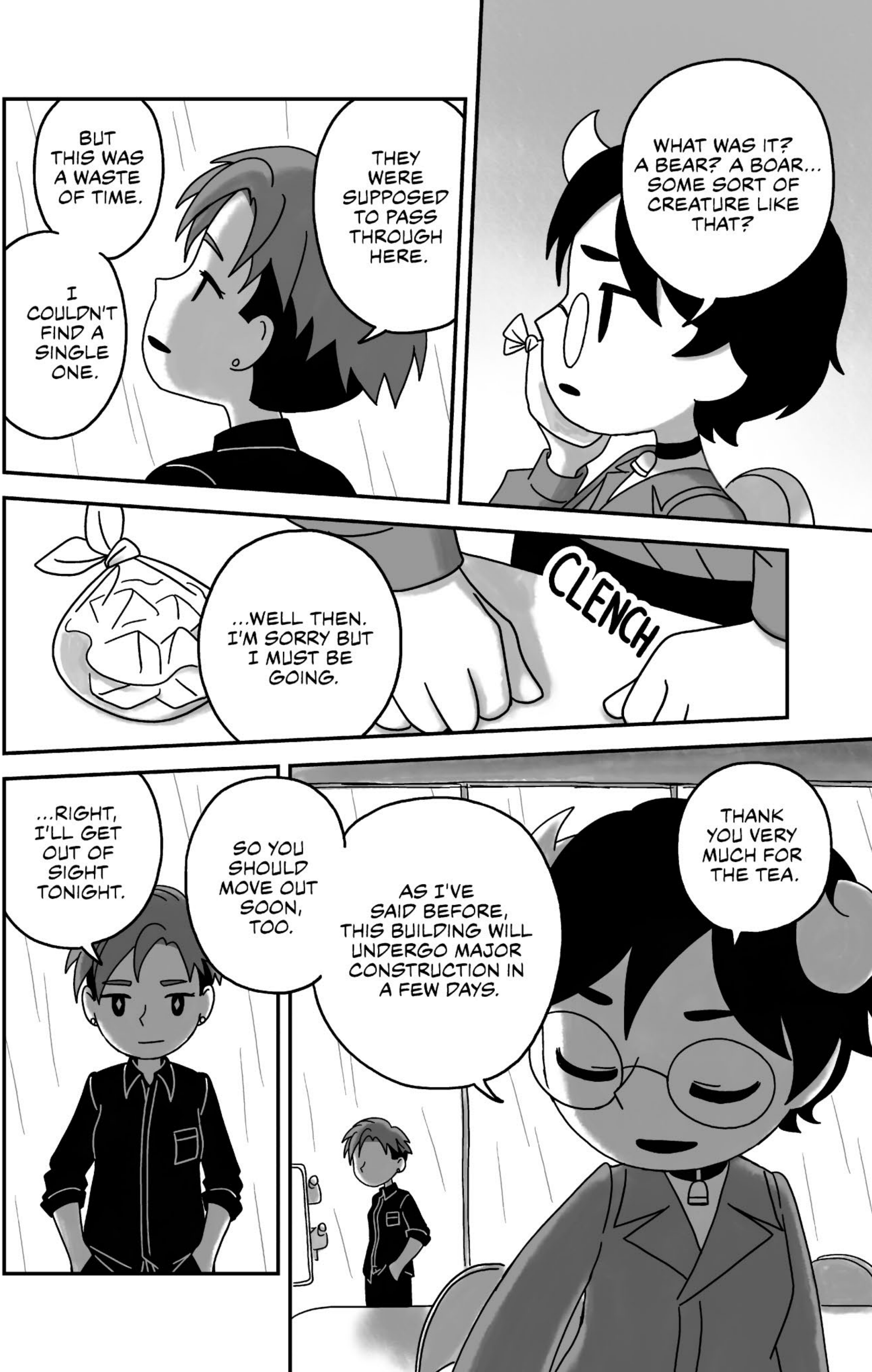
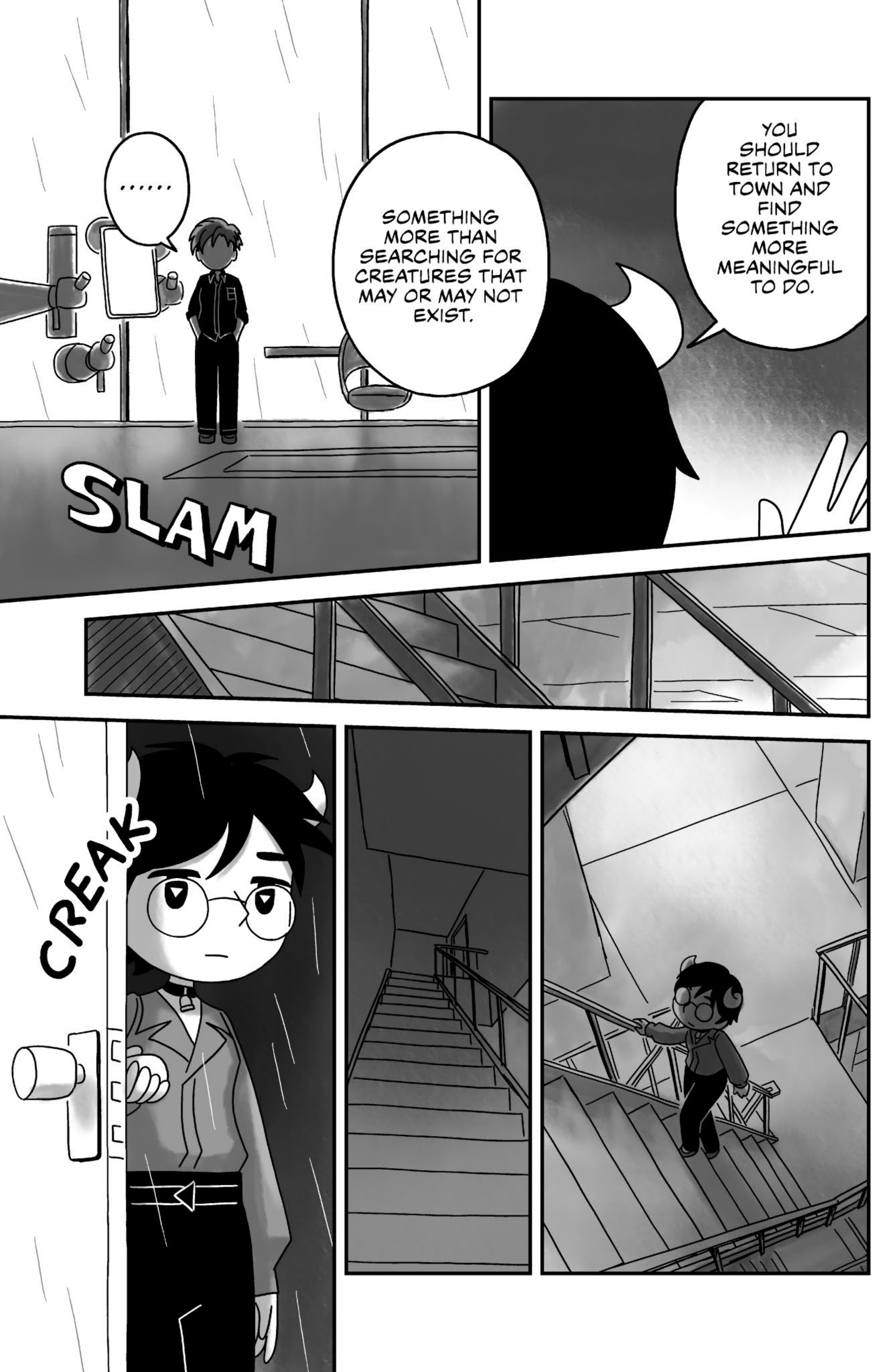

ABOUT A MONTH AGO, I FOUND THIS PERSON IN THE RUINS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN.
...HEY, WELCOME.
WHAT, DITCHING WORK AGAIN?
HOW RUDE, I'M **NOT** DITCHING WORK AT ALL!
JUST YOUR STANDARD SURVEILLANCE!
YEAH, YEAH. AT LEAST HAVE A CUP OF TEA.
THE SUS ONE ISN'T DOING ANYTHING SUS, RIGHT?

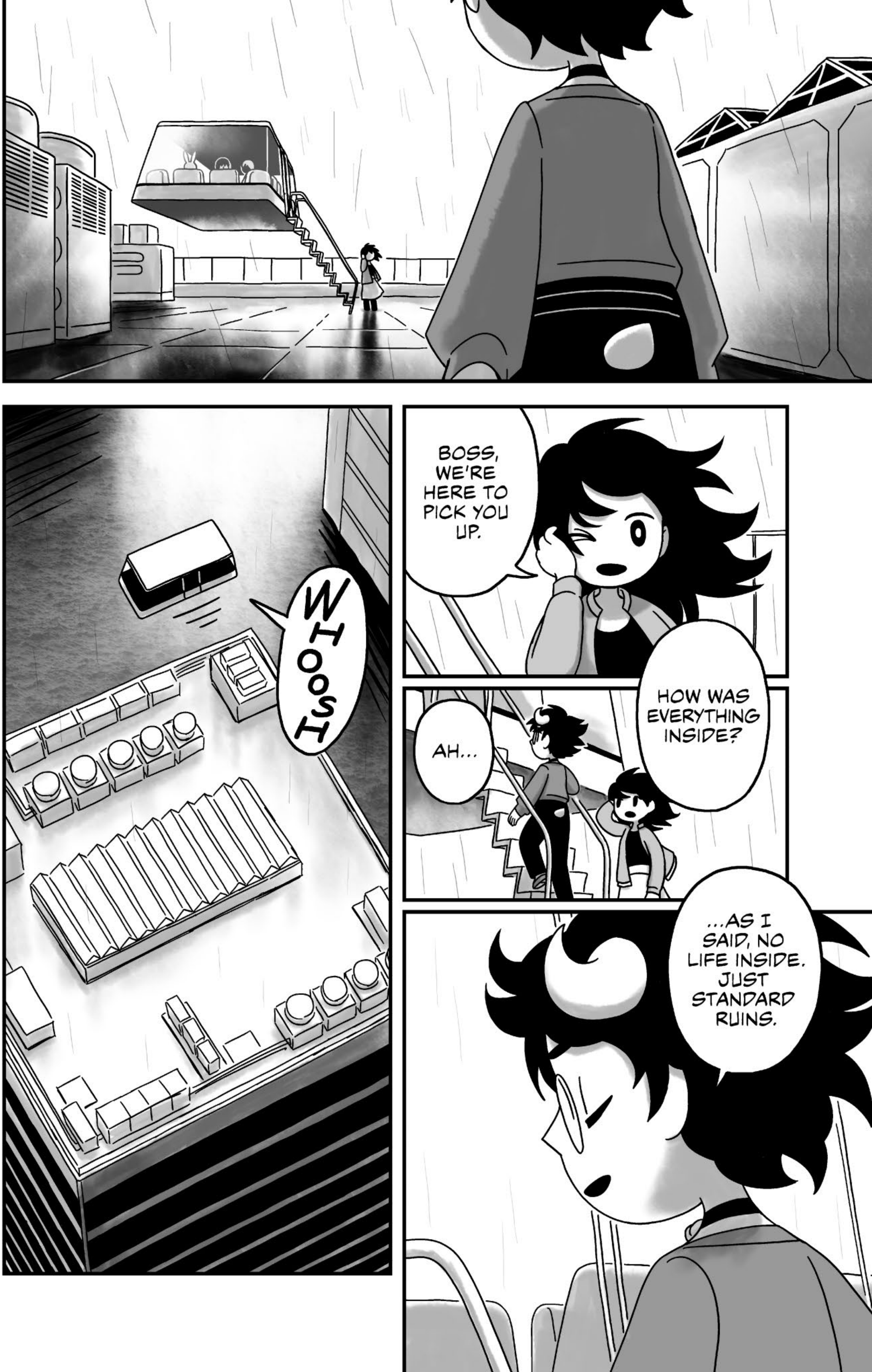

IS IT ALRIGHT? YOU CAN'T STICK AROUND HERE UNAUTHORIZED.
I'M TRESPASSING. YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
POP
CRUNCH CRUNCH
HEY, YOU NEVER HAVE ANYTHING BUT SALAD, WHAT ABOUT A MAIN DISH?
...THIS IS MY MAIN DISH?
......

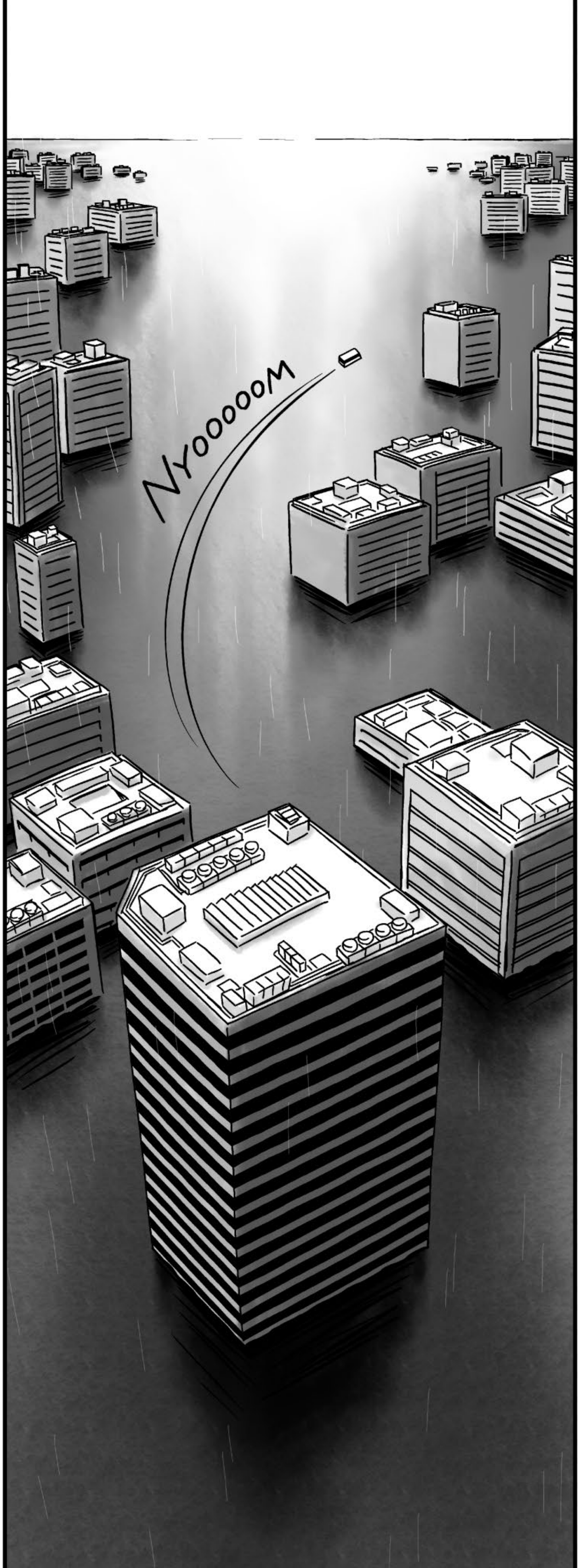

...KAI, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
MY FACE ?
YOUR RIGHT CHEEK. IT'S SWELLING UP.
OH, THIS...I BUMPED INTO SOMETHING.
...WAIT, IS IT THAT VISIBLE?
YOU SHOULD COOL IT OFF. THERE'S ICE DOWNSTAIRS, I'LL GO GET SOME.
...DON'T YOU NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE SCREEN?

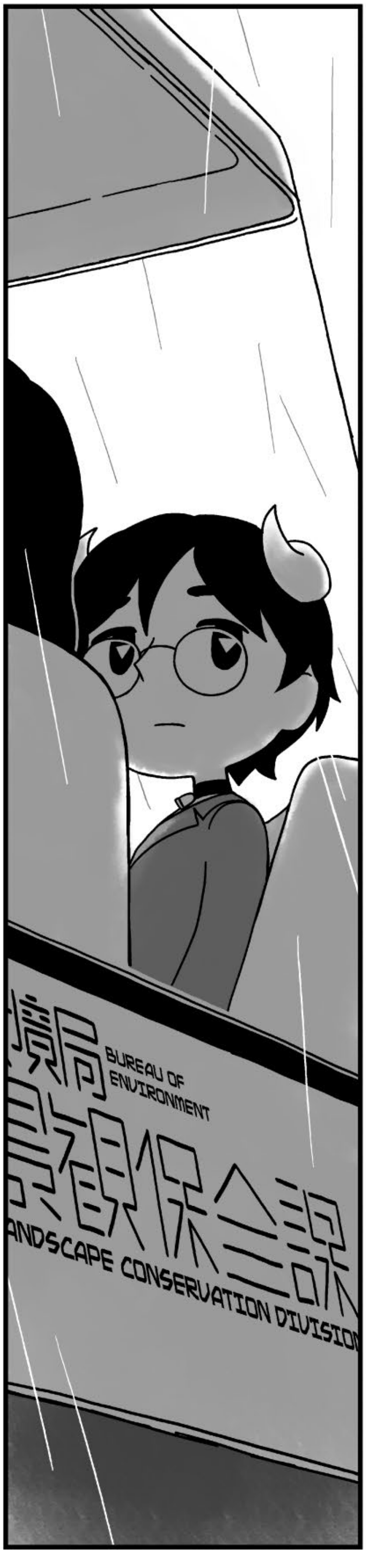

...WELL, IF SOMETHING SHOWS UP, IT'LL RECORD IT AUTOMATICALLY.
......
...SO YOU'VE BEEN HERE AT LEAST A MONTH, CORRECT?
HAVE YOU FOUND WHAT YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR?

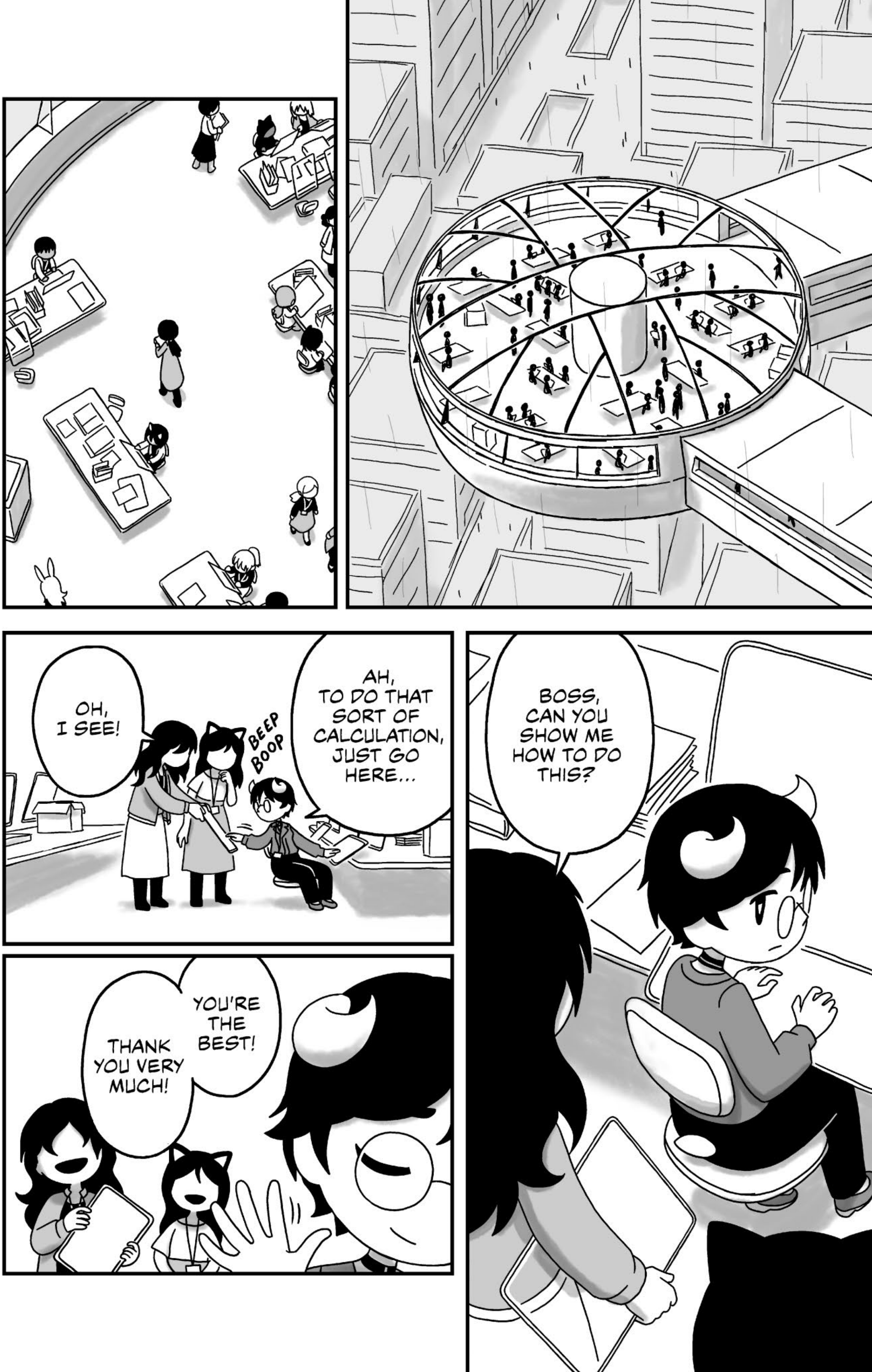

WHAT WAS IT? A BEAR? A BOAR... SOME SORT OF CREATURE LIKE THAT?
THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PASS THROUGH HERE.
BUT THIS WAS A WASTE OF TIME.
I COULDN'T FIND A SINGLE ONE.
CLENCH
...WELL THEN. I'M SORRY BUT I MUST BE GOING.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TEA.
AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, THIS BUILDING WILL UNDERGO MAJOR CONSTRUCTION IN A FEW DAYS.
SO YOU SHOULD MOVE OUT SOON, TOO.
...RIGHT, I'LL GET OUT OF SIGHT TONIGHT.

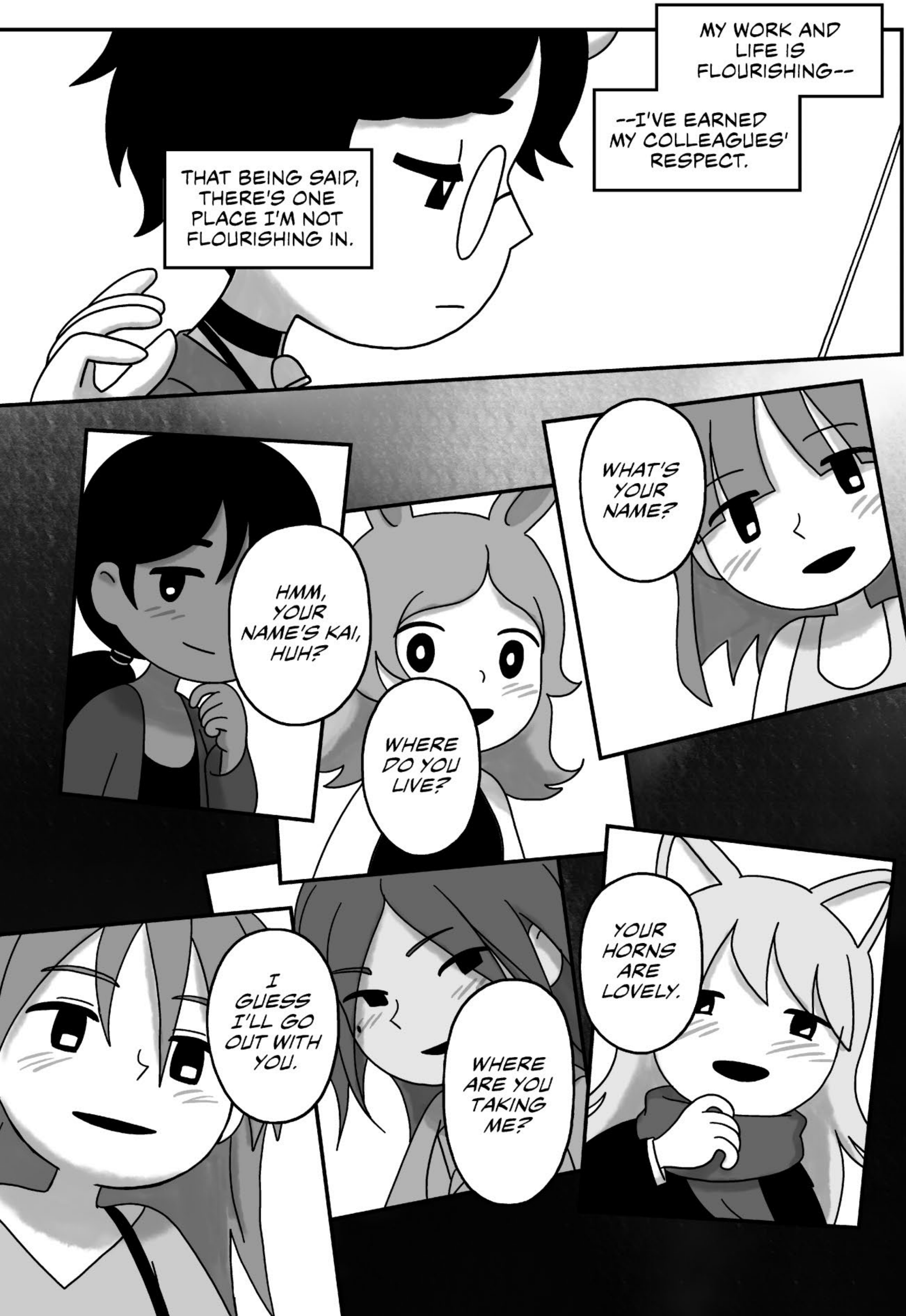

......
SLAM
YOU SHOULD RETURN TO TOWN AND FIND SOMETHING MORE MEANINGFUL TO DO.
SOMETHING MORE THAN SEARCHING FOR CREATURES THAT MAY OR MAY NOT EXIST.
CREAK

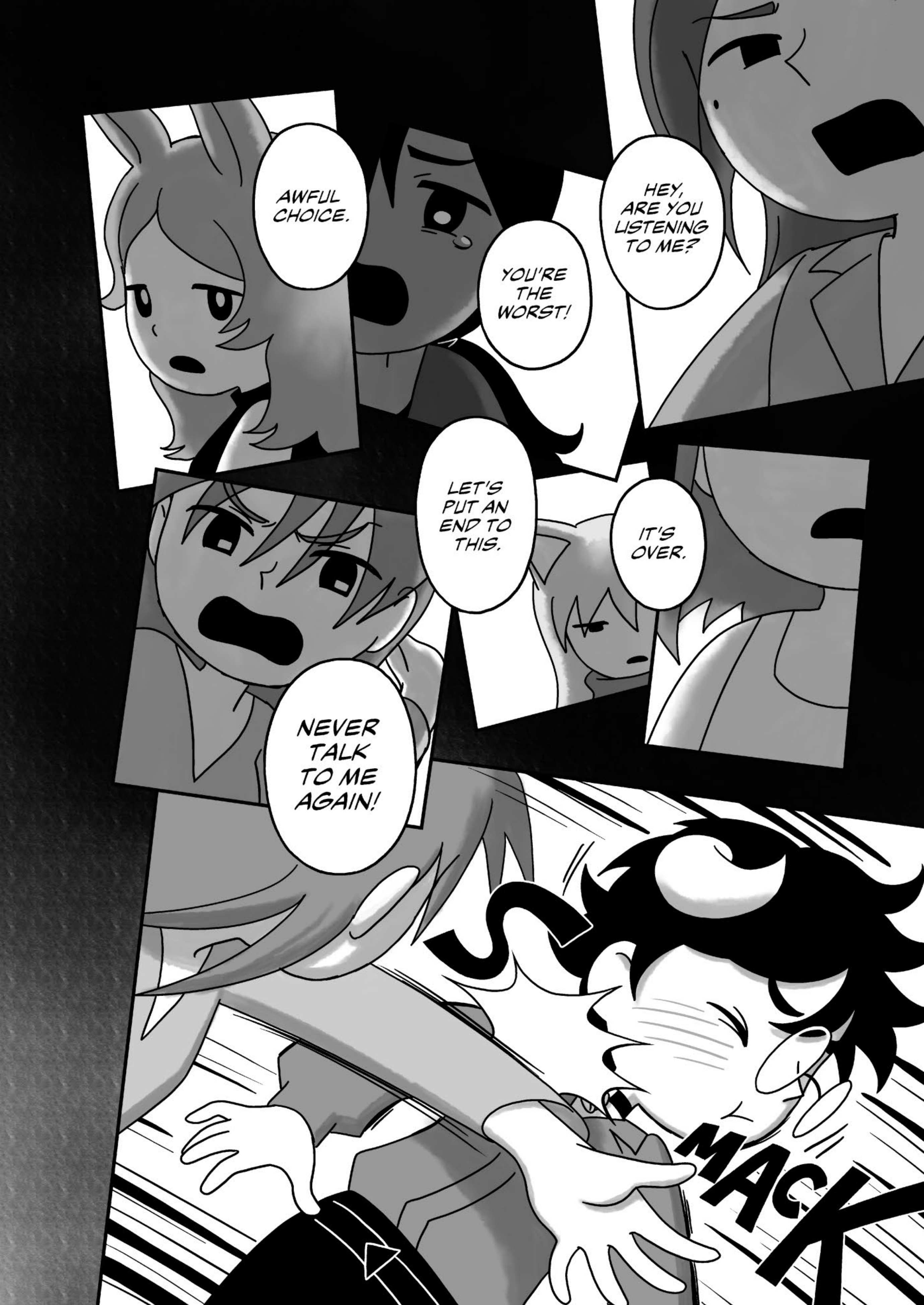

WHOOSH
BOSS, WE'RE HERE TO PICK YOU UP.
HOW WAS EVERYTHING INSIDE?
AH...
...AS I SAID, NO LIFE INSIDE. JUST STANDARD RUINS.


NYOOOOOM


境局
BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENT
景観保全課
ANDSCAPE CONSERVATION DIVISION


BOSS, CAN YOU SHOW ME HOW TO DO THIS?
AH, TO DO THAT SORT OF CALCULATION, JUST GO HERE...
BEEP BOOP
OH, I SEE!
YOU'RE THE BEST!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!


MY WORK AND LIFE IS FLOURISHING--
--I'VE EARNED MY COLLEAGUES' RESPECT.
THAT BEING SAID, THERE'S ONE PLACE I'M NOT FLOURISHING IN.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
HMM, YOUR NAME'S KAI, HUH?
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
I GUESS I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU.
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
YOUR HORNS ARE LOVELY.

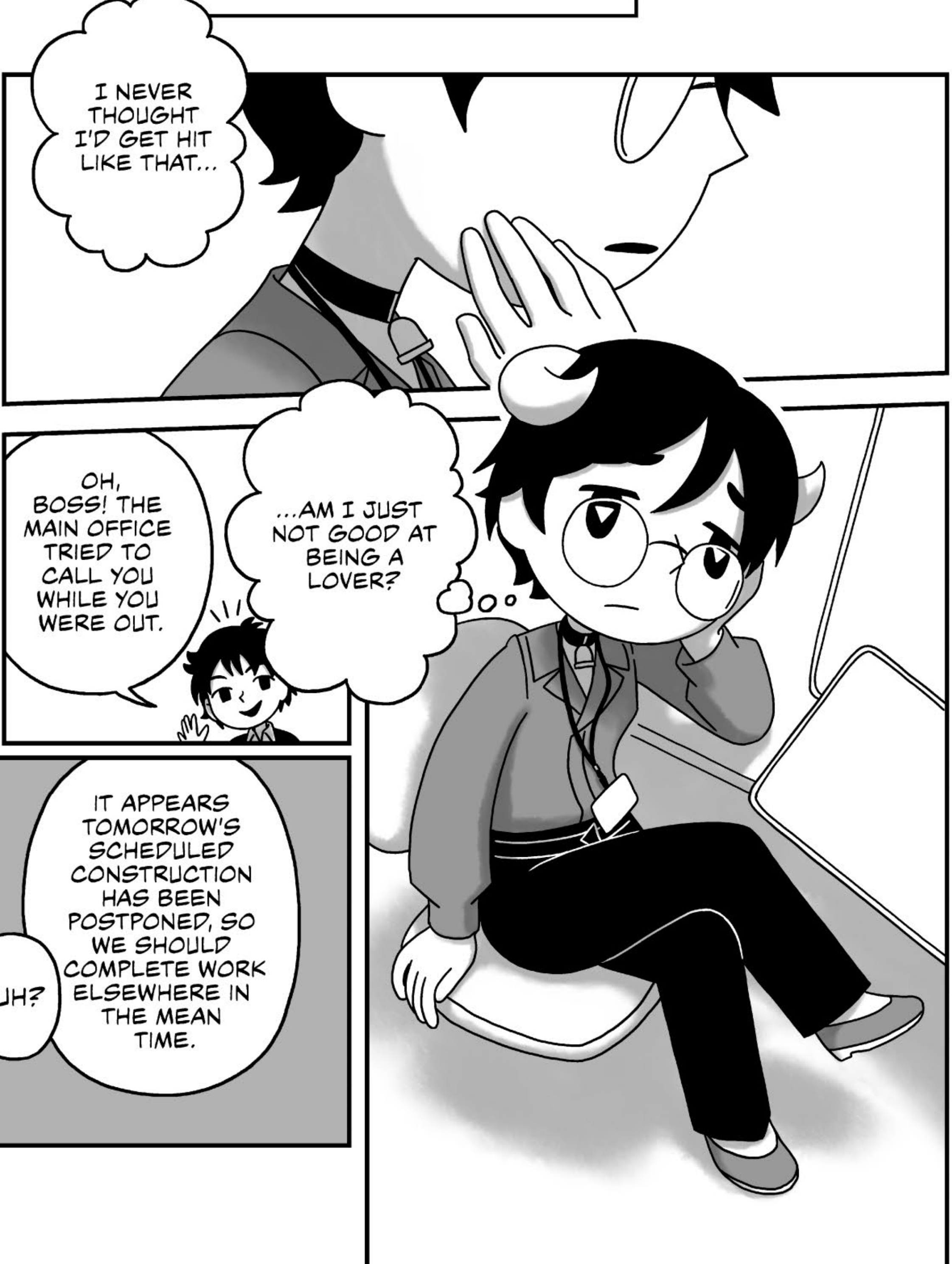

AWFUL CHOICE.
YOU'RE THE WORST!
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS.
IT'S OVER.
NEVER TALK TO ME AGAIN!
SMACK

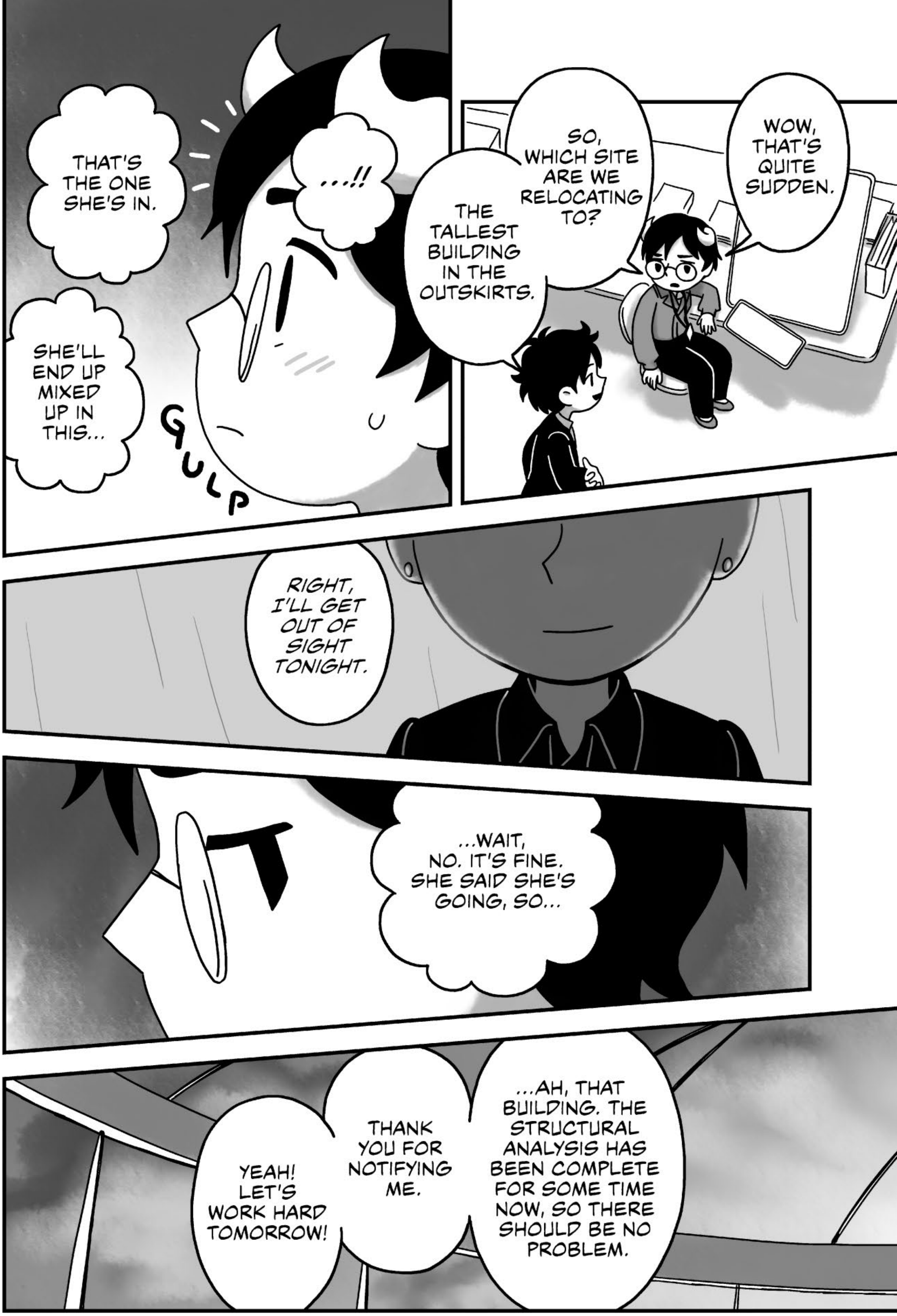
I'VE GONE OUT WITH MANY GIRLS, BUT IN THE END IT NEVER WORKS OUT.

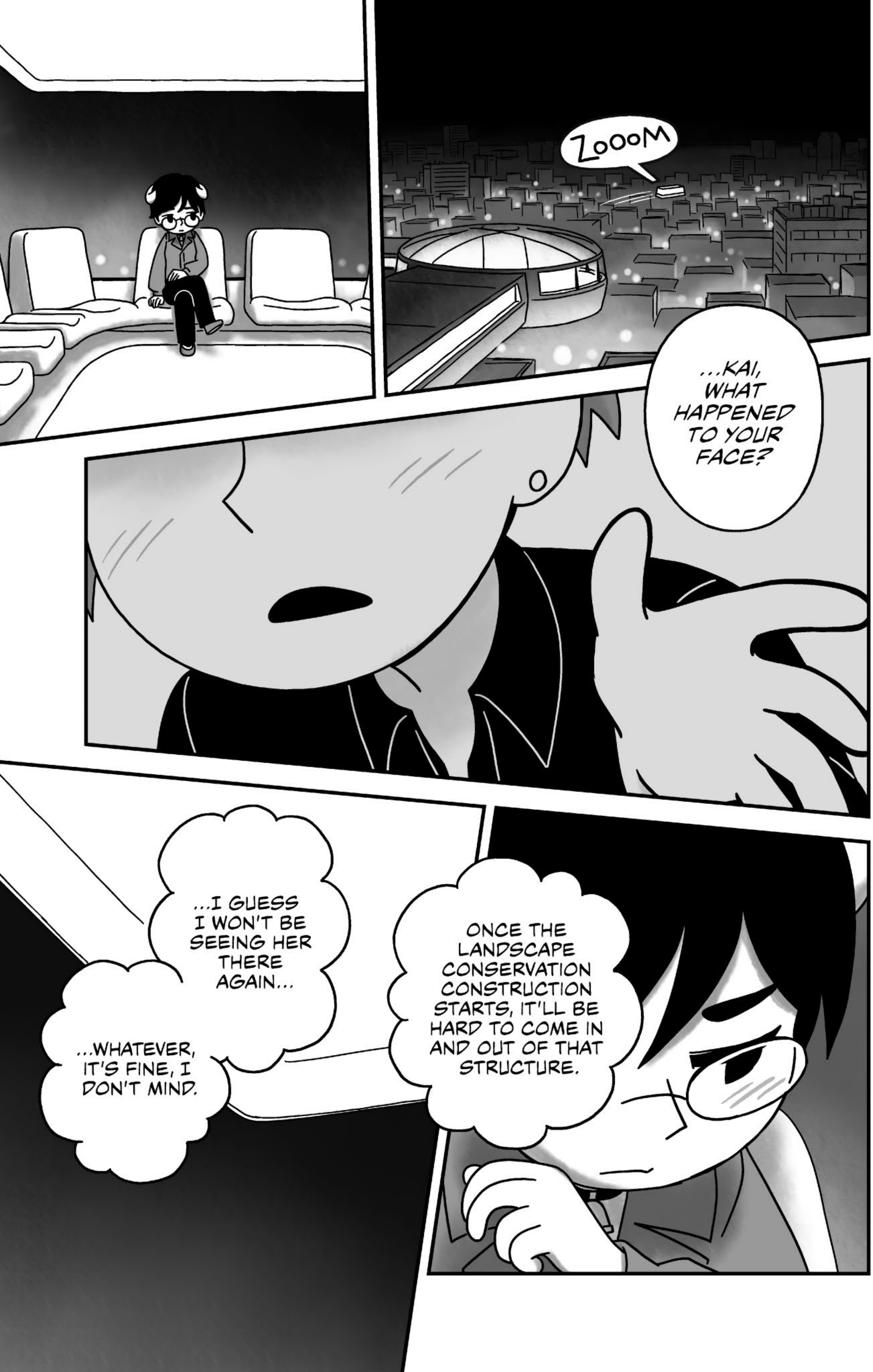
IT FEELS AWKWARDLY ONE-SIDED EVERY TIME, SO I KEEP MY DISTANCE--

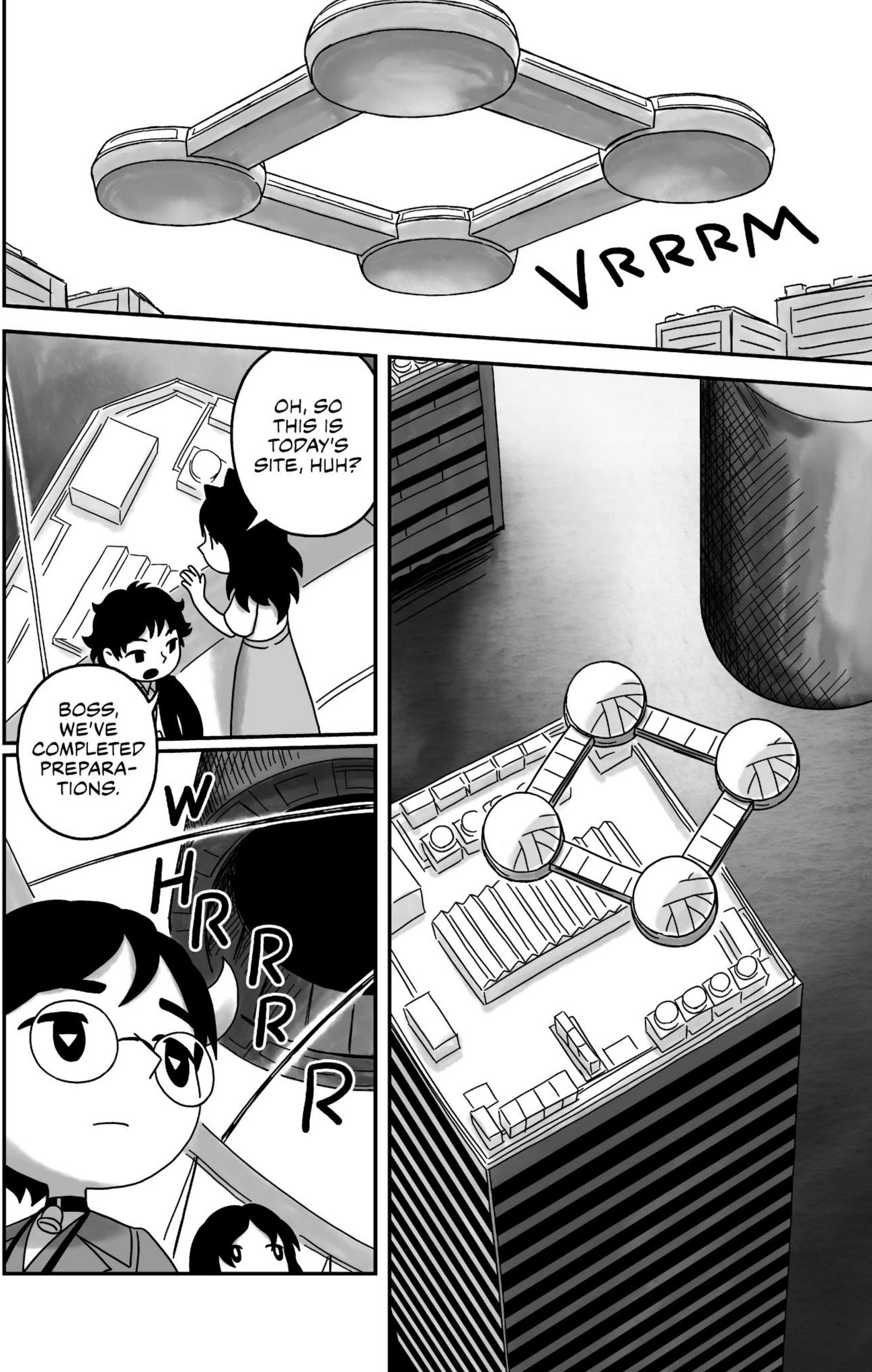
--BUT IT ENDS WITH ME UPSETTING THEM...AND THEN IT REPEATS.

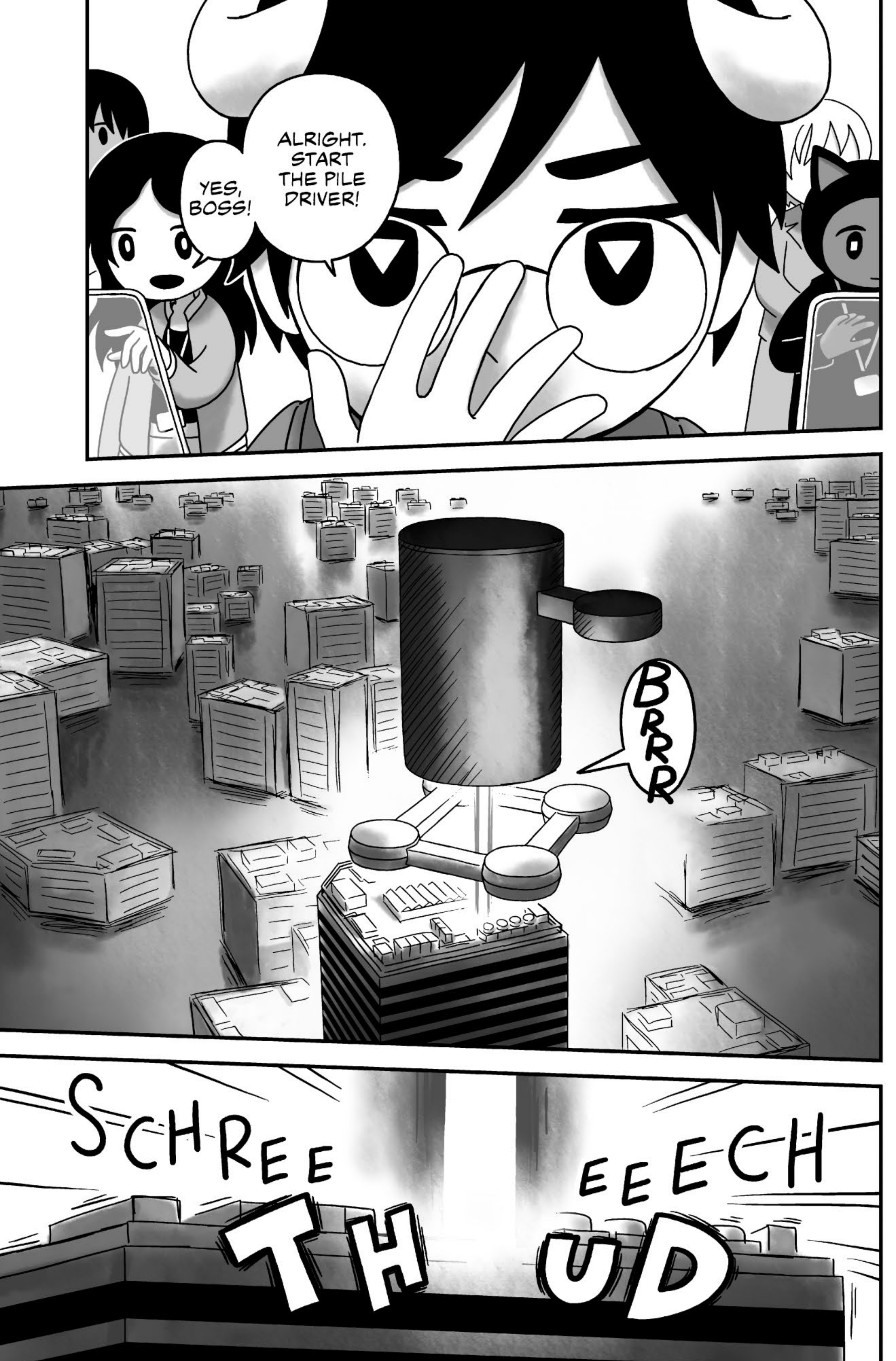
JUST THIS MORNING I WAS DUMPED BY MY PARTNER THE SAME WAY.

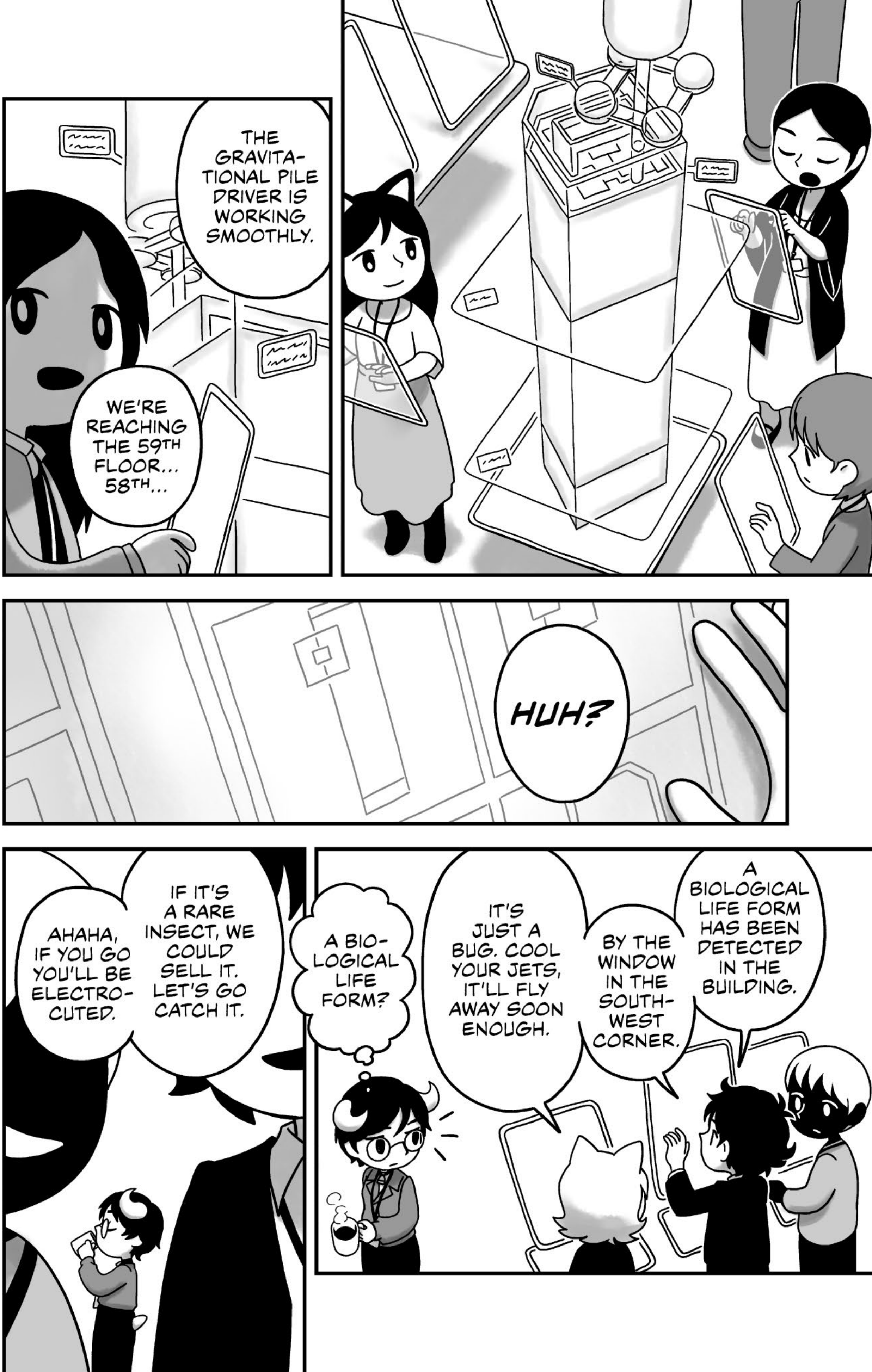

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET HIT LIKE THAT...
...AM I JUST NOT GOOD AT BEING A LOVER?
OH, BOSS! THE MAIN OFFICE TRIED TO CALL YOU WHILE YOU WERE OUT.
IT APPEARS TOMORROW'S SCHEDULED CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED, SO WE SHOULD COMPLETE WORK ELSEWHERE IN THE MEAN TIME.
HUH?

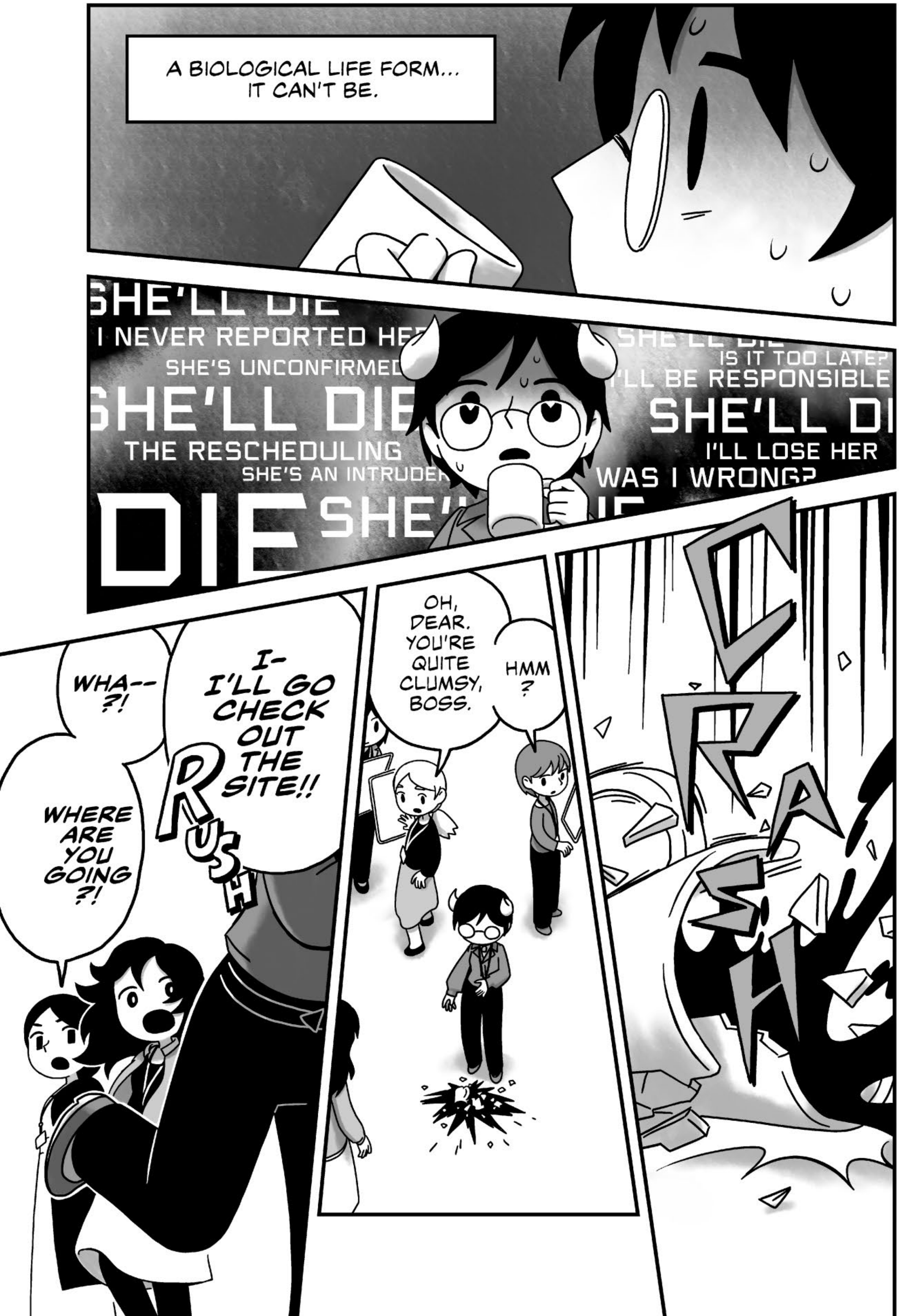

WOW, THAT'S QUITE SUDDEN.
SO, WHICH SITE ARE WE RELOCATING TO?
THE TALLEST BUILDING IN THE OUTSKIRTS.
...!!
THAT'S THE ONE SHE'S IN.
SHE'LL END UP MIXED UP IN THIS...
GULP
RIGHT, I'LL GET OUT OF SIGHT TONIGHT.
...WAIT, NO. IT'S FINE. SHE SAID SHE'S GOING, SO...
...AH, THAT BUILDING. THE STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS HAS BEEN COMPLETE FOR SOME TIME NOW, SO THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.
THANK YOU FOR NOTIFYING ME.
YEAH! LET'S WORK HARD TOMORROW!

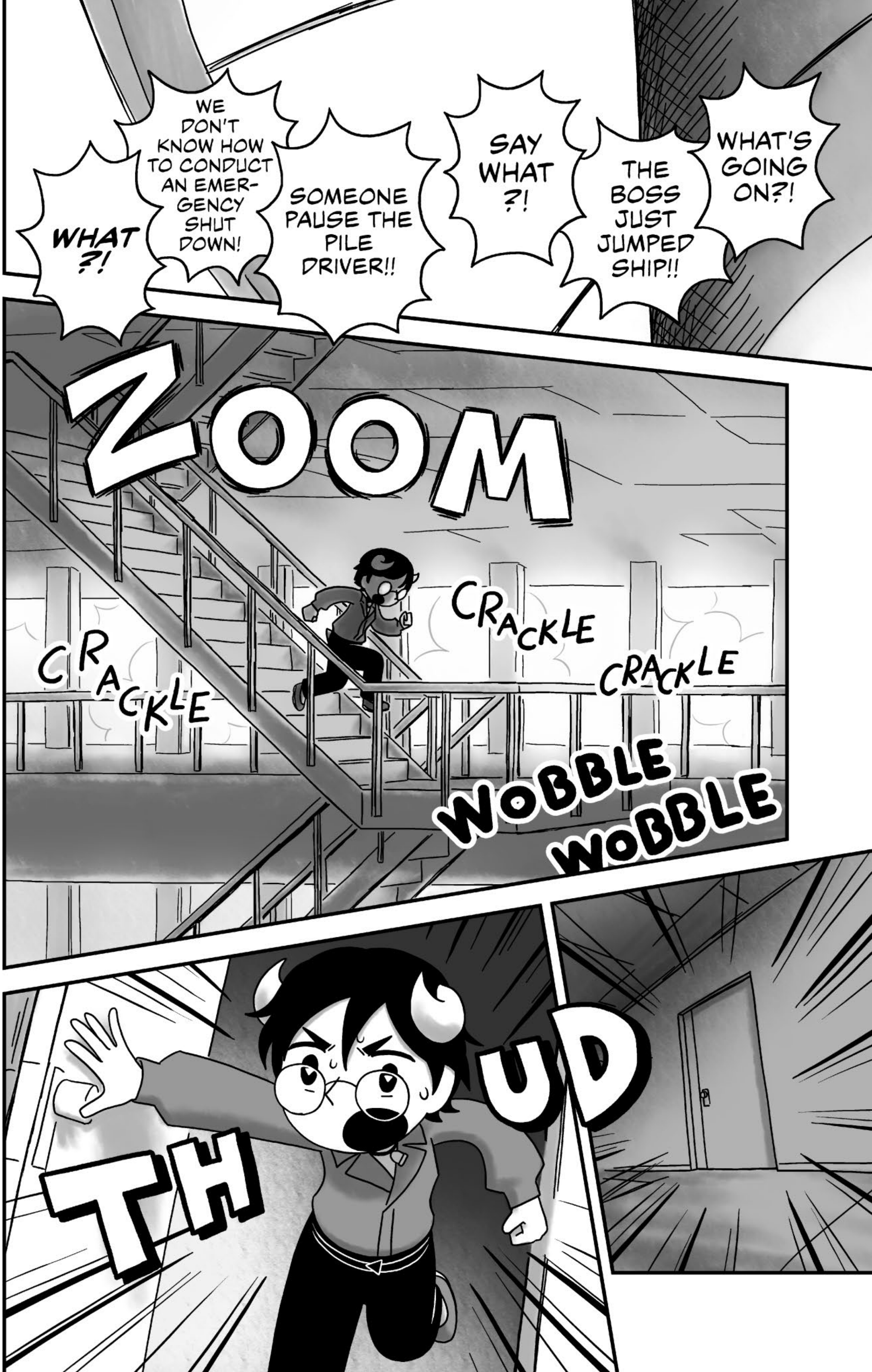

ZOOOM
...KAI, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
...I GUESS I WON'T BE SEEING HER THERE AGAIN...
...WHATEVER, IT'S FINE, I DON'T MIND.
ONCE THE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION STARTS, IT'LL BE HARD TO COME IN AND OUT OF THAT STRUCTURE.

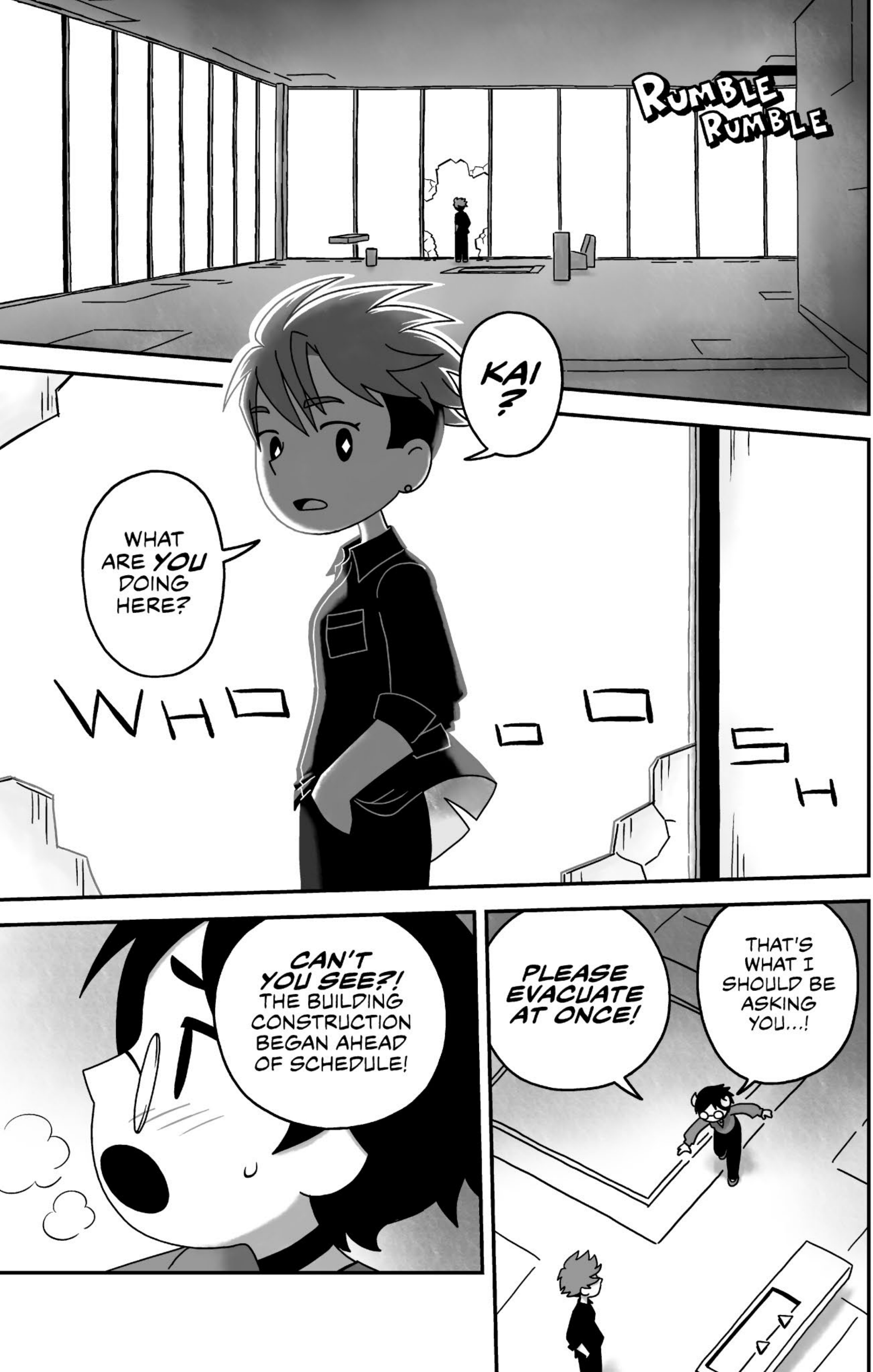

VRRRM
OH, SO THIS IS TODAY'S SITE, HUH?
BOSS, WE'VE COMPLETED PREPARATIONS.
WHRRRRR

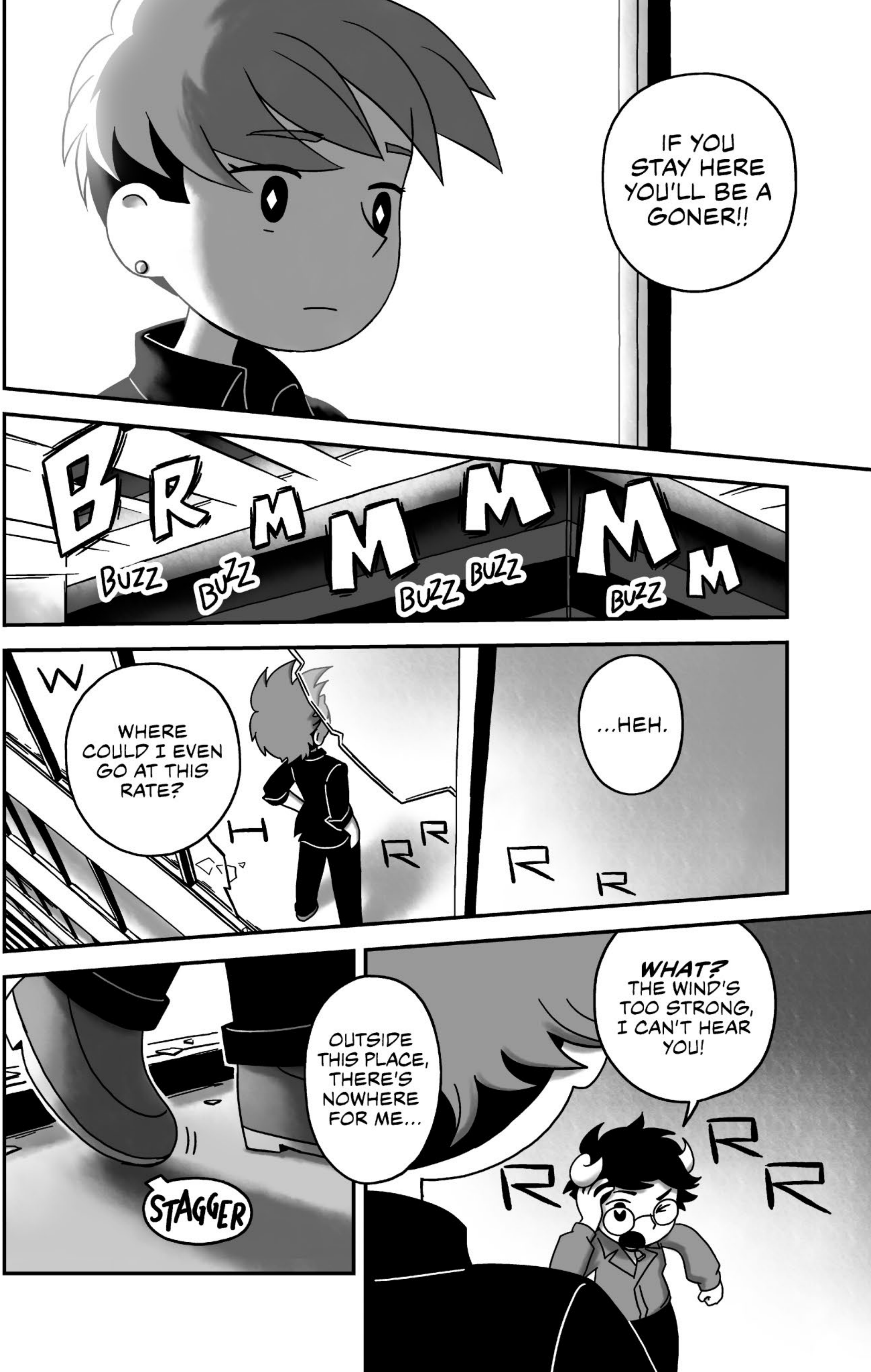

ALRIGHT. START THE PILE DRIVER!
YES, BOSS!
BRRR
SCHREEEEEECH
THUD

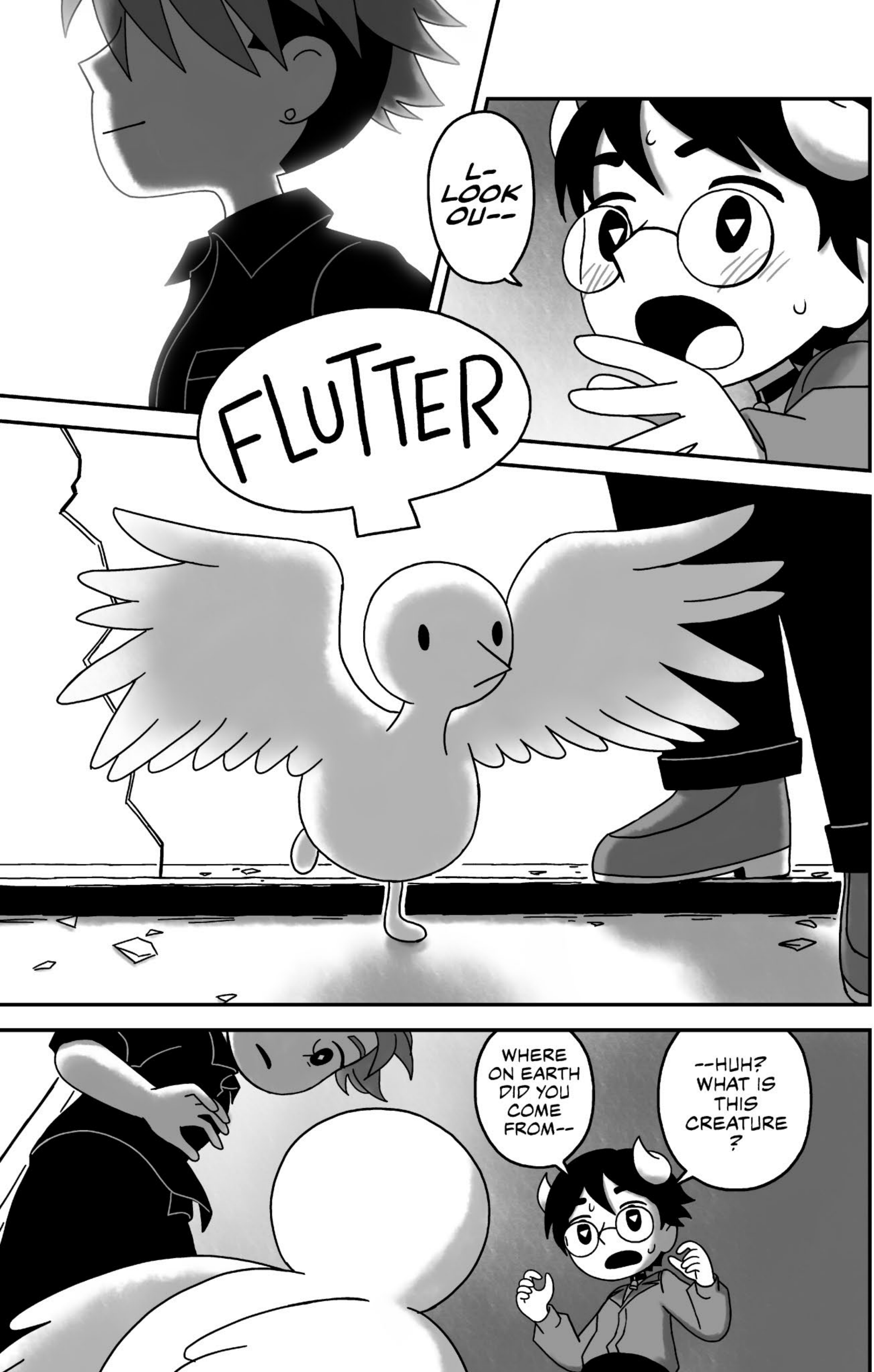

THE GRAVITATIONAL PILE DRIVER IS WORKING SMOOTHLY.
WE'RE REACHING THE 59TH FLOOR... 58TH...
HUH?
A BIOLOGICAL LIFE FORM HAS BEEN DETECTED IN THE BUILDING.
BY THE WINDOW IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER.
IT'S JUST A BUG. COOL YOUR JETS, IT'LL FLY AWAY SOON ENOUGH.
A BIOLOGICAL LIFE FORM?
IF IT'S A RARE INSECT, WE COULD SELL IT. LET'S GO CATCH IT.
AHAHA, IF YOU GO YOU'LL BE ELECTROCUTED.

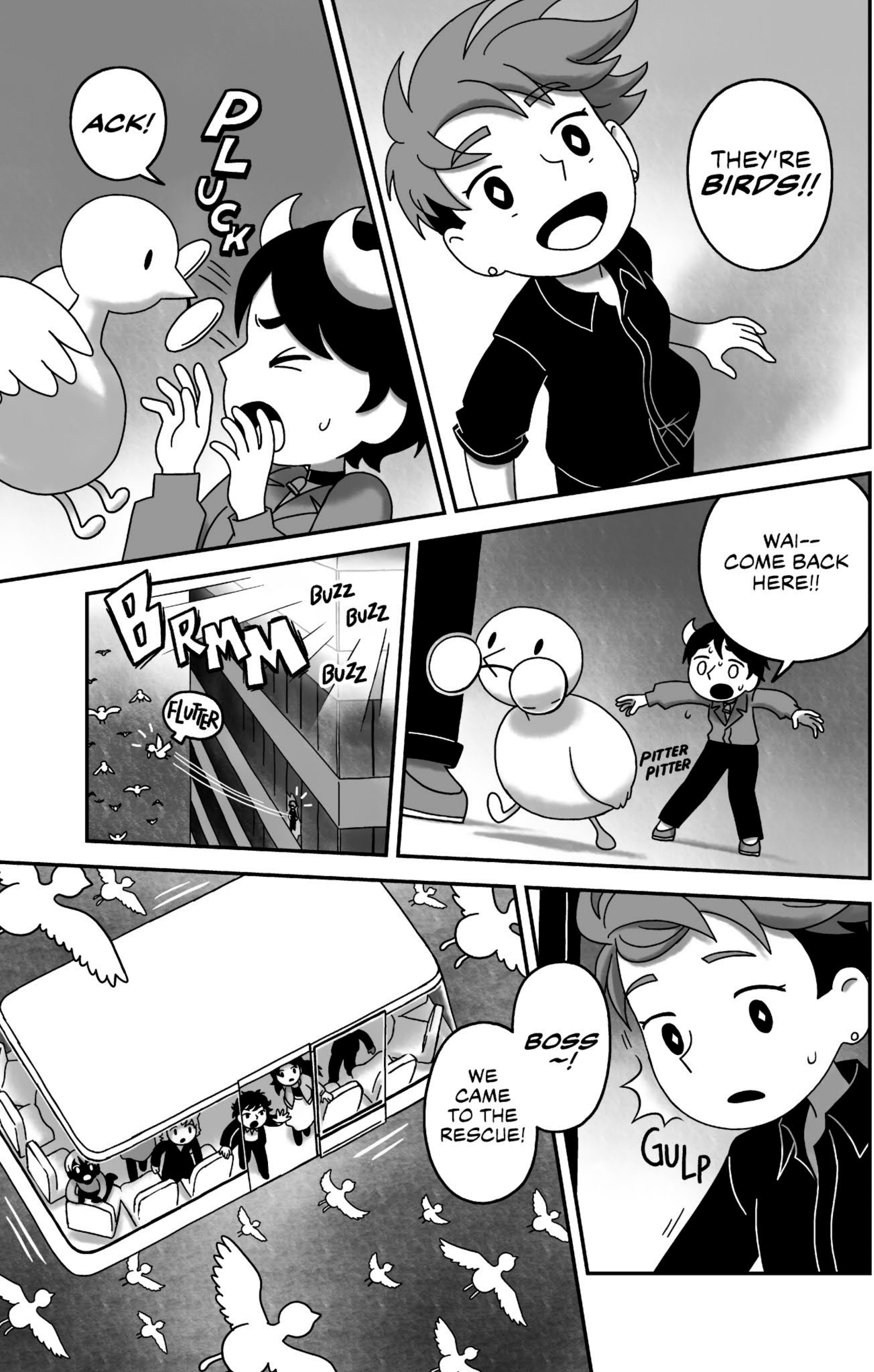

A BIOLOGICAL LIFE FORM... IT CAN'T BE.
SHE'LL DIE
I NEVER REPORTED HER
SHE'S UNCONFIRMED
SHE'LL DIE
THE RESCHEDULING
SHE'S AN INTRUDER
DIE
SHE'LL DIE
SHE'LL DIE
IS IT TOO LATE?
I'LL BE RESPONSIBLE
SHE'LL DIE
I'LL LOSE HER
WAS I WRONG?
SHE'LL DIE
WHA--?!
I- I'LL GO CHECK OUT THE SITE!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
RUSH
OH, DEAR. YOU'RE QUITE CLUMSY, BOSS.
HMM?
CRASH

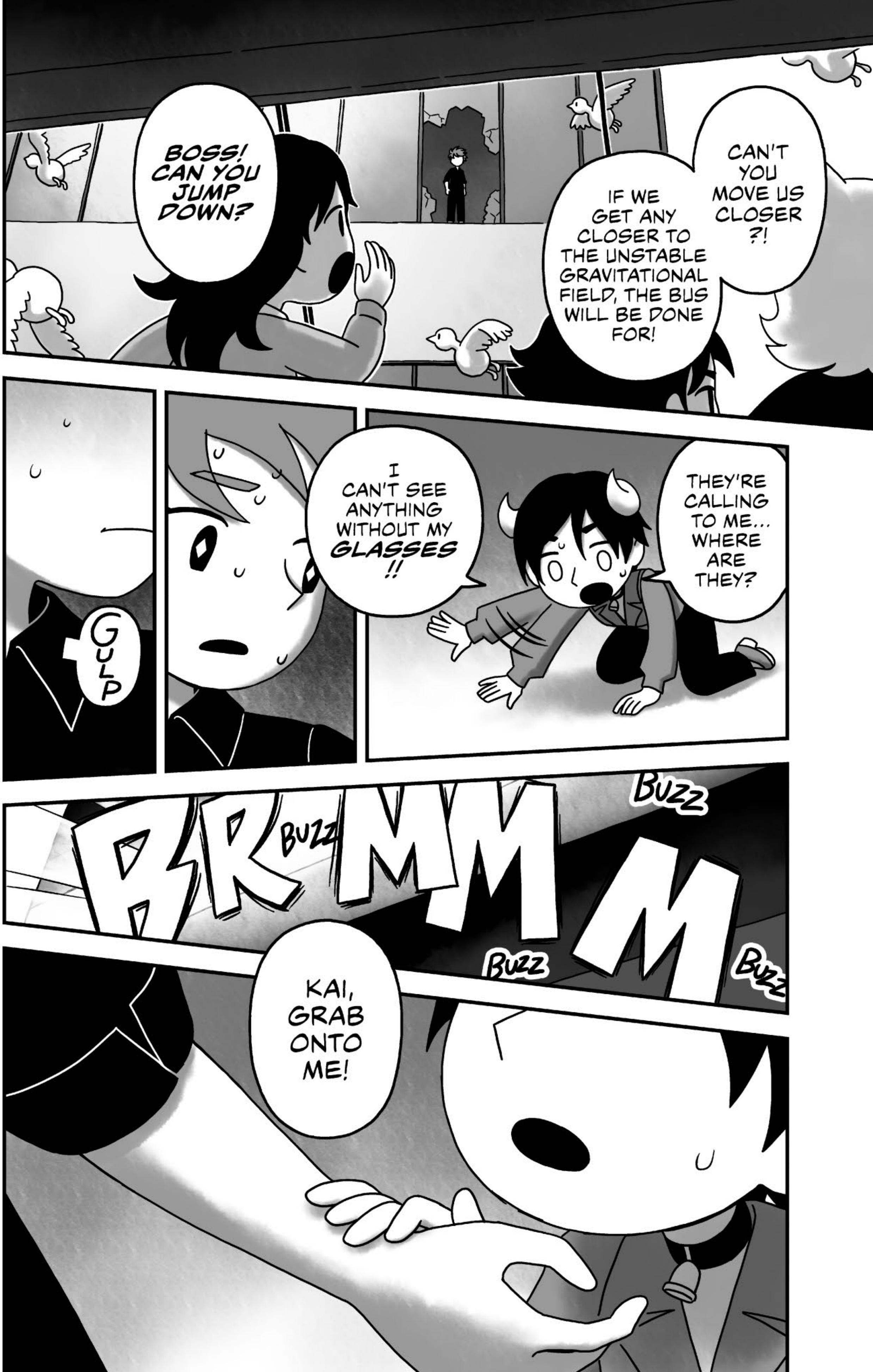

WHAT?!
WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY SHUT DOWN!
SOMEONE PAUSE THE PILE DRIVER!!
SAY WHAT?!
THE BOSS JUST JUMPED SHIP!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
ZOOM
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
WOBBLE WOBBLE
THUD

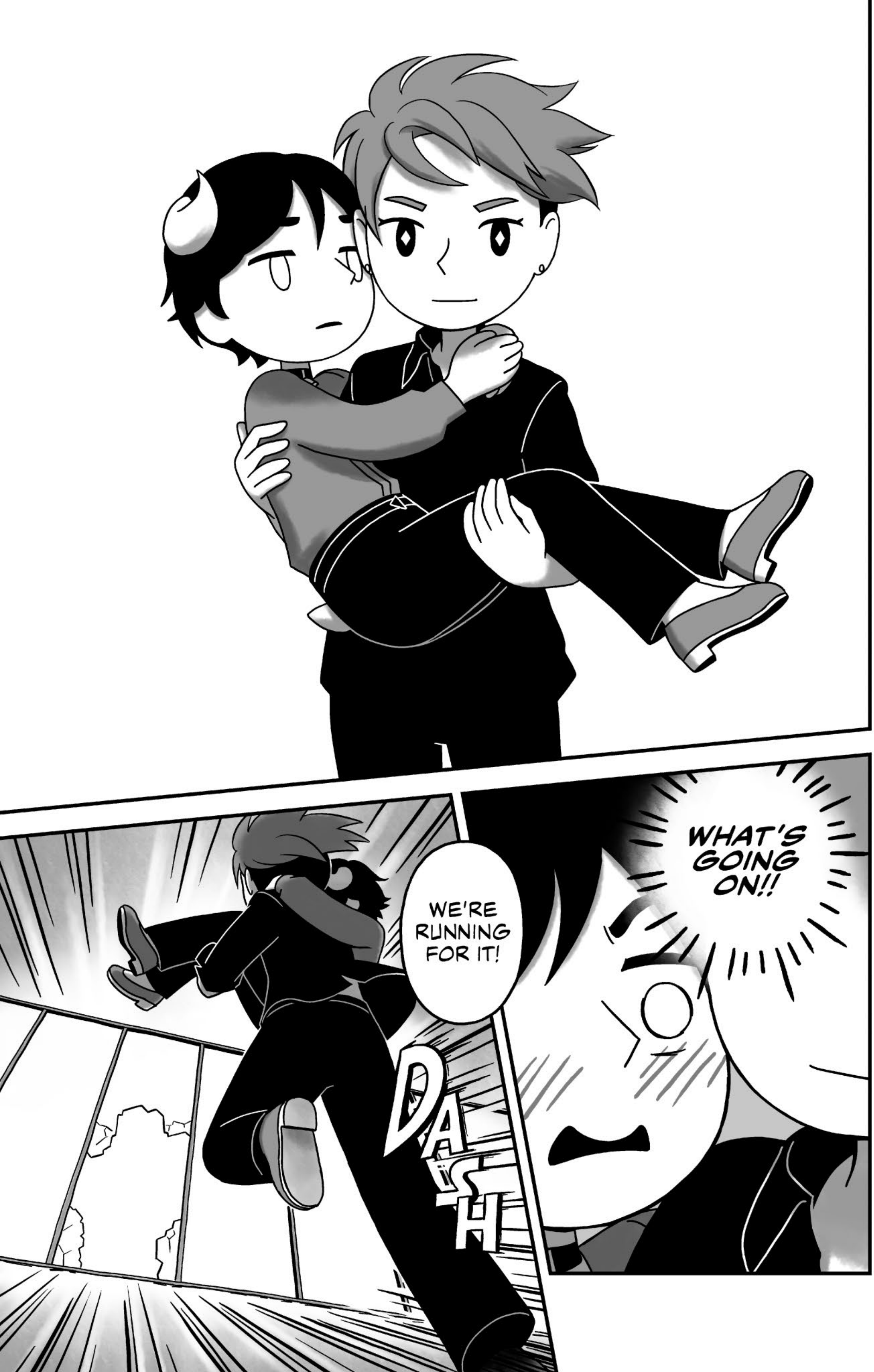

RUMBLE RUMBLE
KAI?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHOOOSH
CAN'T YOU SEE?! THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION BEGAN AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!
PLEASE EVACUATE AT ONCE!
THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU...!

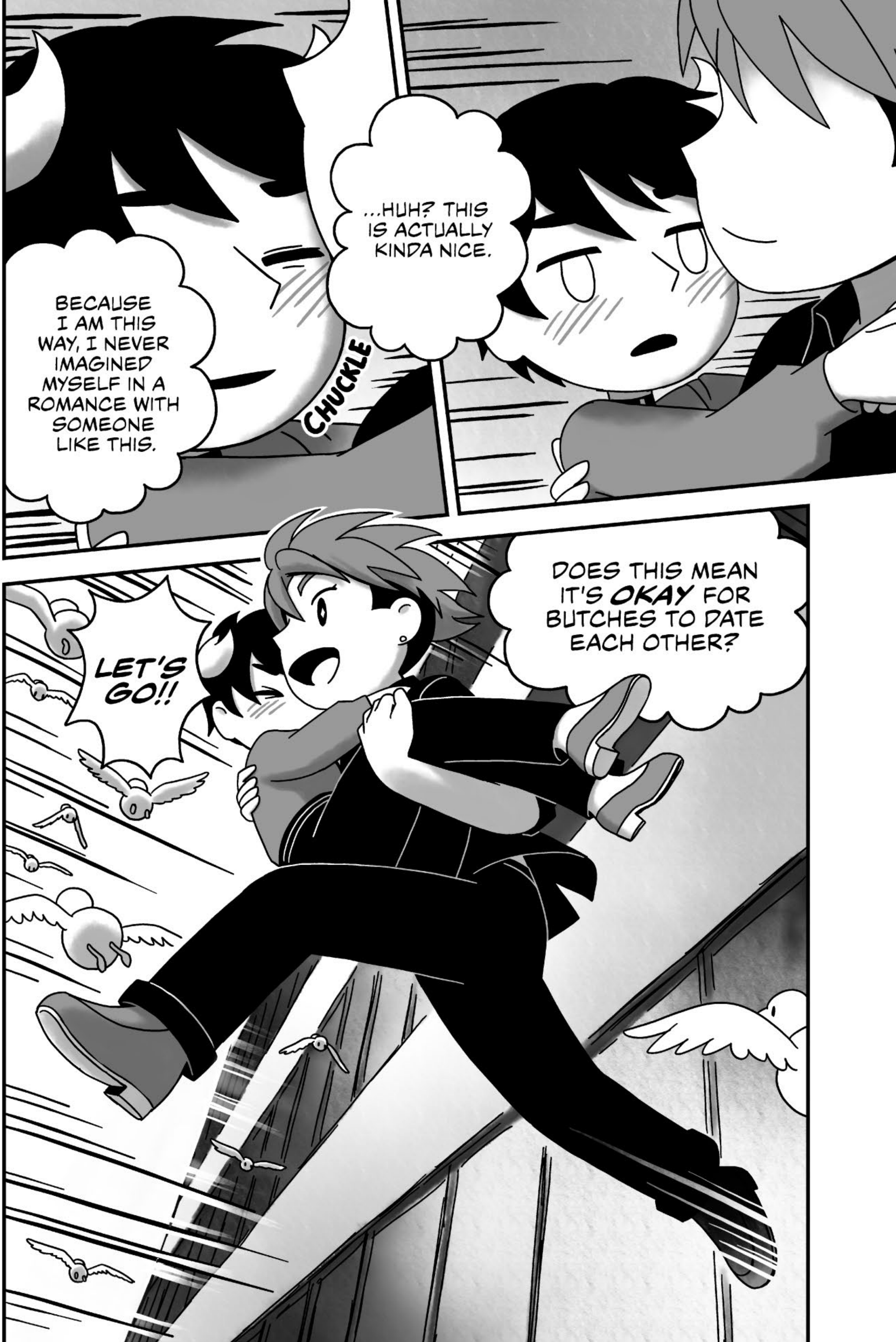

IF YOU STAY HERE YOU'LL BE A GONER!!
BRMMMMM
BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ
W H RR
WHERE COULD I EVEN GO AT THIS RATE?
...HEH.
R R
STAGGER
OUTSIDE THIS PLACE, THERE'S NOWHERE FOR ME...
WHAT? THE WIND'S TOO STRONG, I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
RRRRR

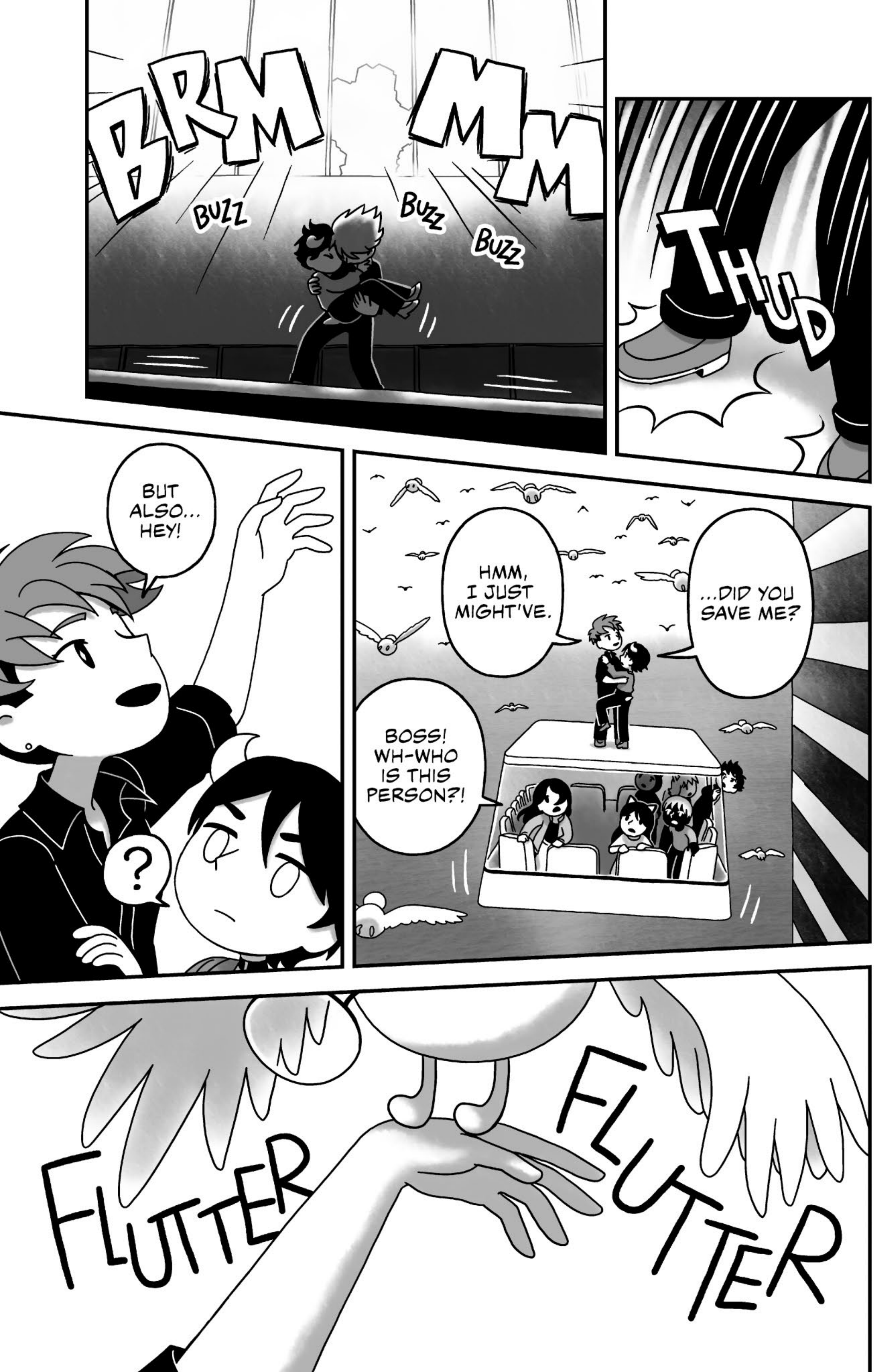

L- LOOK OU--
FLUTTER
WHERE ON EARTH DID YOU COME FROM--
--HUH? WHAT IS THIS CREATURE ?

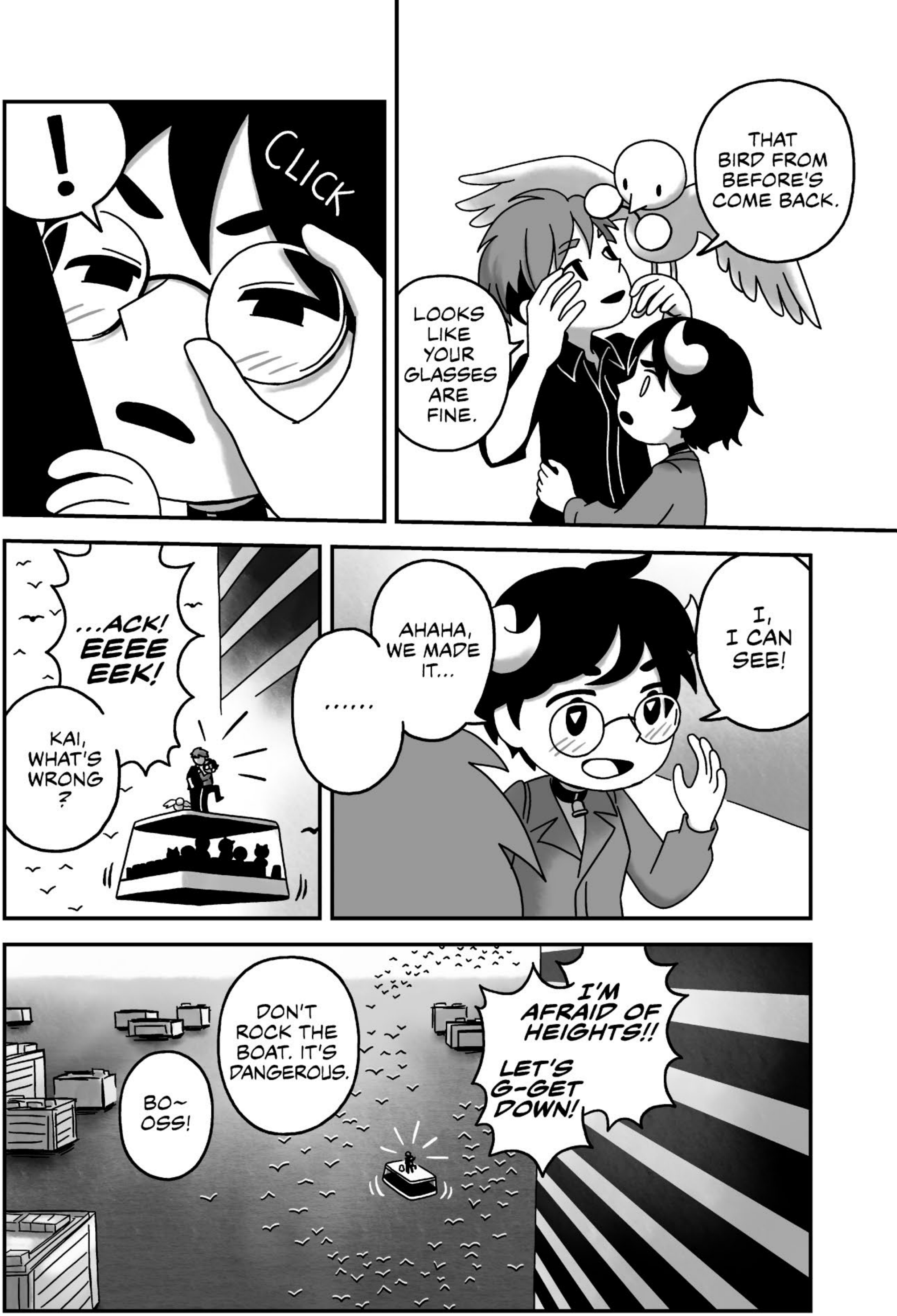

ACK!
PLUCK
THEY'RE BIRDS!!
BRMM
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
FLUTTER
WAI-- COME BACK HERE!!
PITTER PITTER
BOSS~!
WE CAME TO THE RESCUE!
GULP

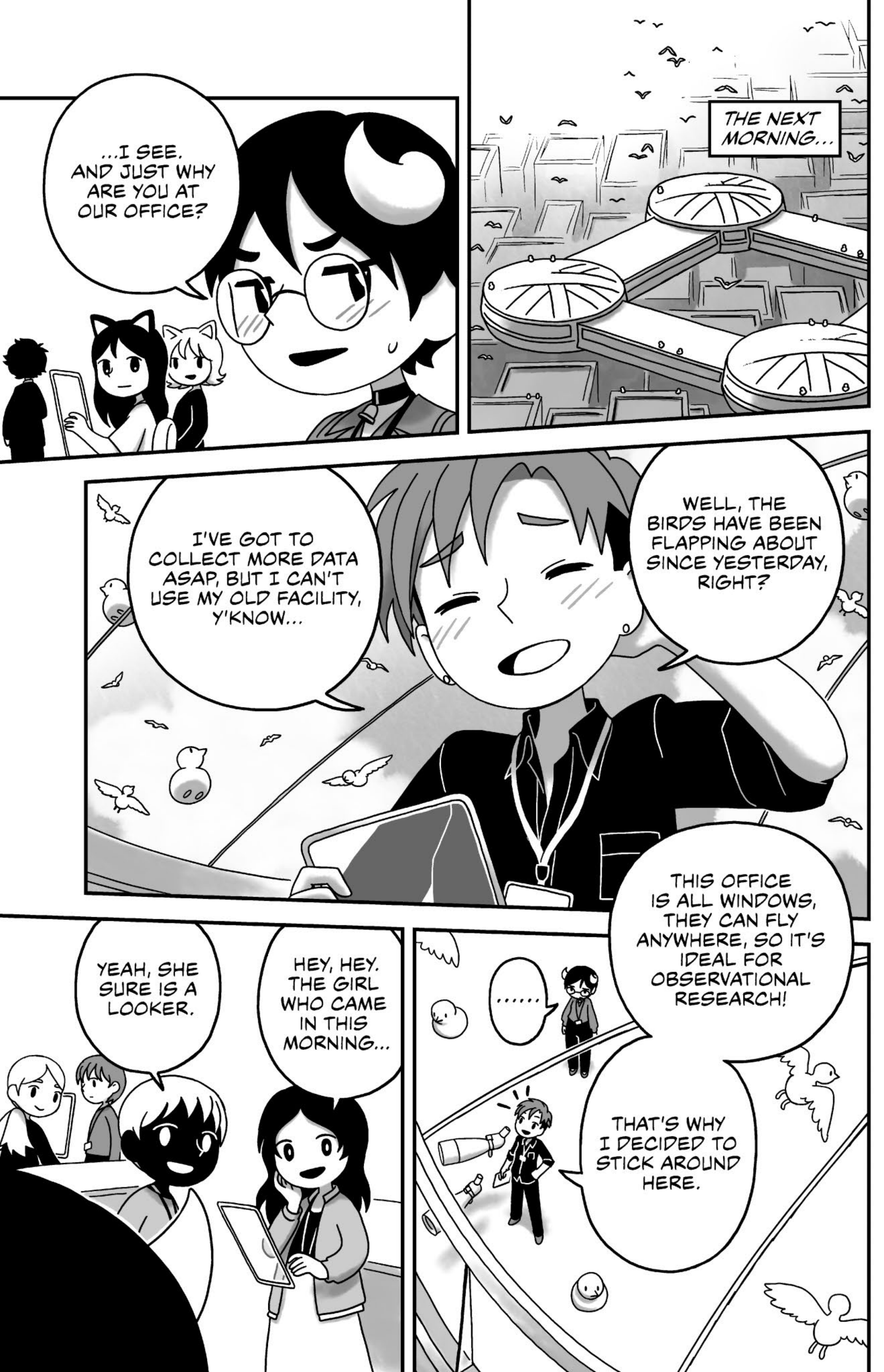

BOSS! CAN YOU JUMP DOWN?
CAN'T YOU MOVE US CLOSER?!
IF WE GET ANY CLOSER TO THE UNSTABLE GRAVITATIONAL FIELD, THE BUS WILL BE DONE FOR!
GULP
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING WITHOUT MY *GLASSES*!!
THEY'RE CALLING TO ME... WHERE ARE THEY?
BRMMMM
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
KAI, GRAB ONTO ME!

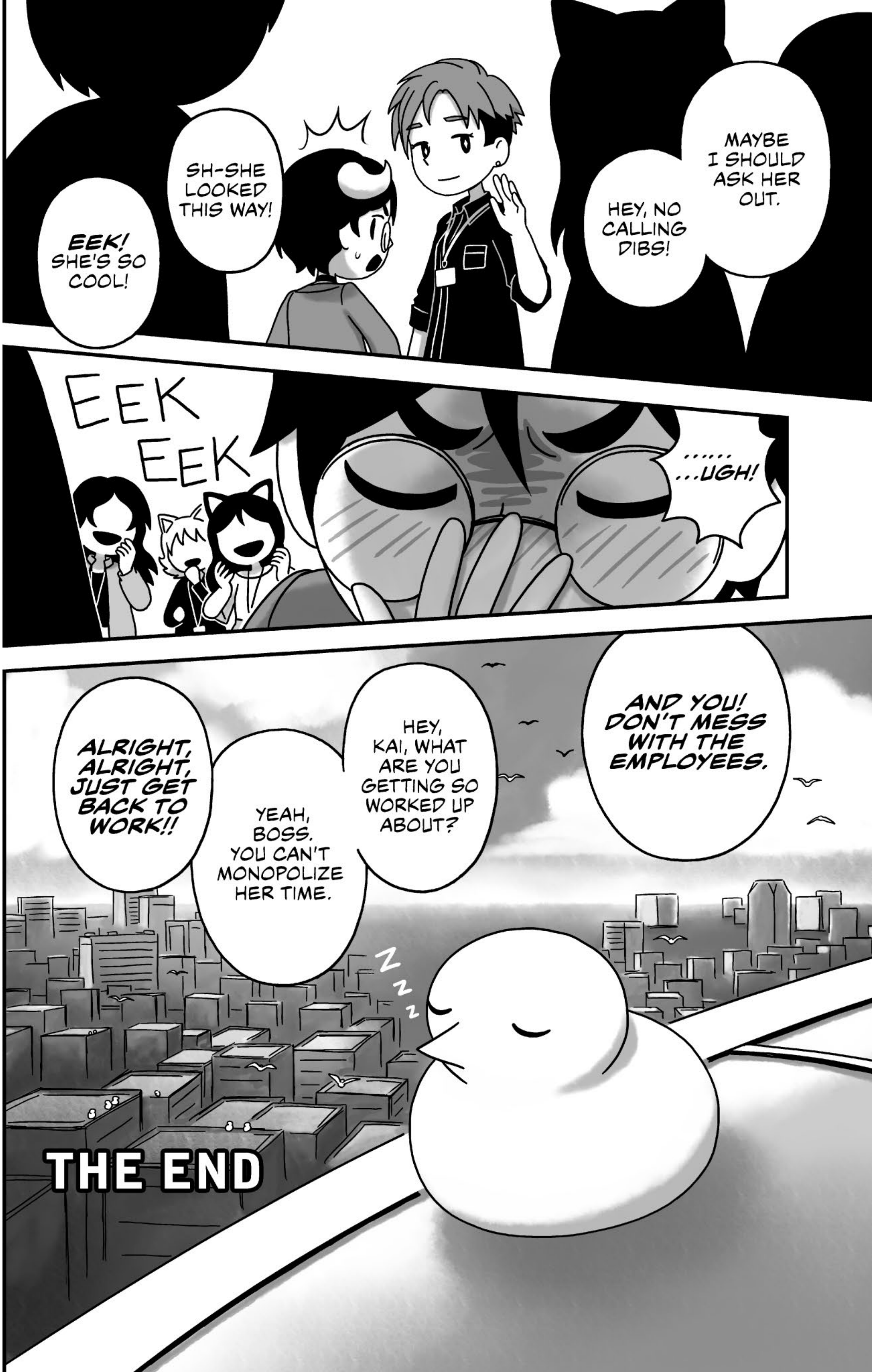

WHAT'S GOING ON!!
WE'RE RUNNING FOR IT!
DASH


BECAUSE I AM THIS WAY, I NEVER IMAGINED MYSELF IN A ROMANCE WITH SOMEONE LIKE THIS.
CHUCKLE
...HUH? THIS IS ACTUALLY KINDA NICE.
LET'S GO!!
DOES THIS MEAN IT'S *OKAY* FOR BUTCHES TO DATE EACH OTHER?


BRMMM
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
THUD
BUT ALSO... HEY!
?
...DID YOU SAVE ME?
HMM, I JUST MIGHT'VE.
BOSS! WH-WHO IS THIS PERSON?!
FLUTTER
FLUTTER

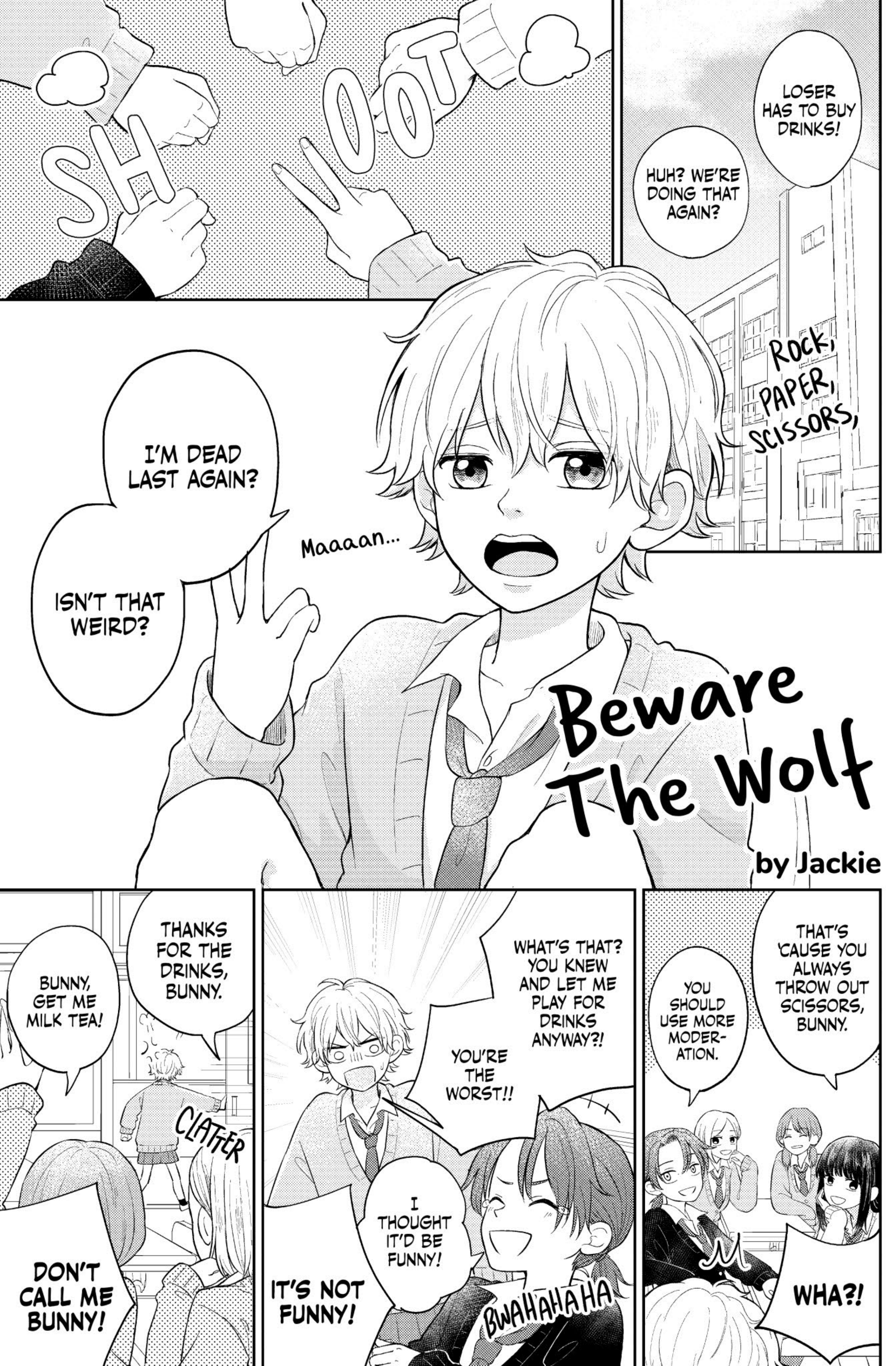

!
CLICK
THAT BIRD FROM BEFORE'S COME BACK.
LOOKS LIKE YOUR GLASSES ARE FINE.
...ACK! EEEE EEK!
KAI, WHAT'S WRONG?
AHAHA, WE MADE IT...
......
I, I CAN SEE!
BO~OSS!
DON'T ROCK THE BOAT. IT'S DANGEROUS.
I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!!
LET'S G-GET DOWN!

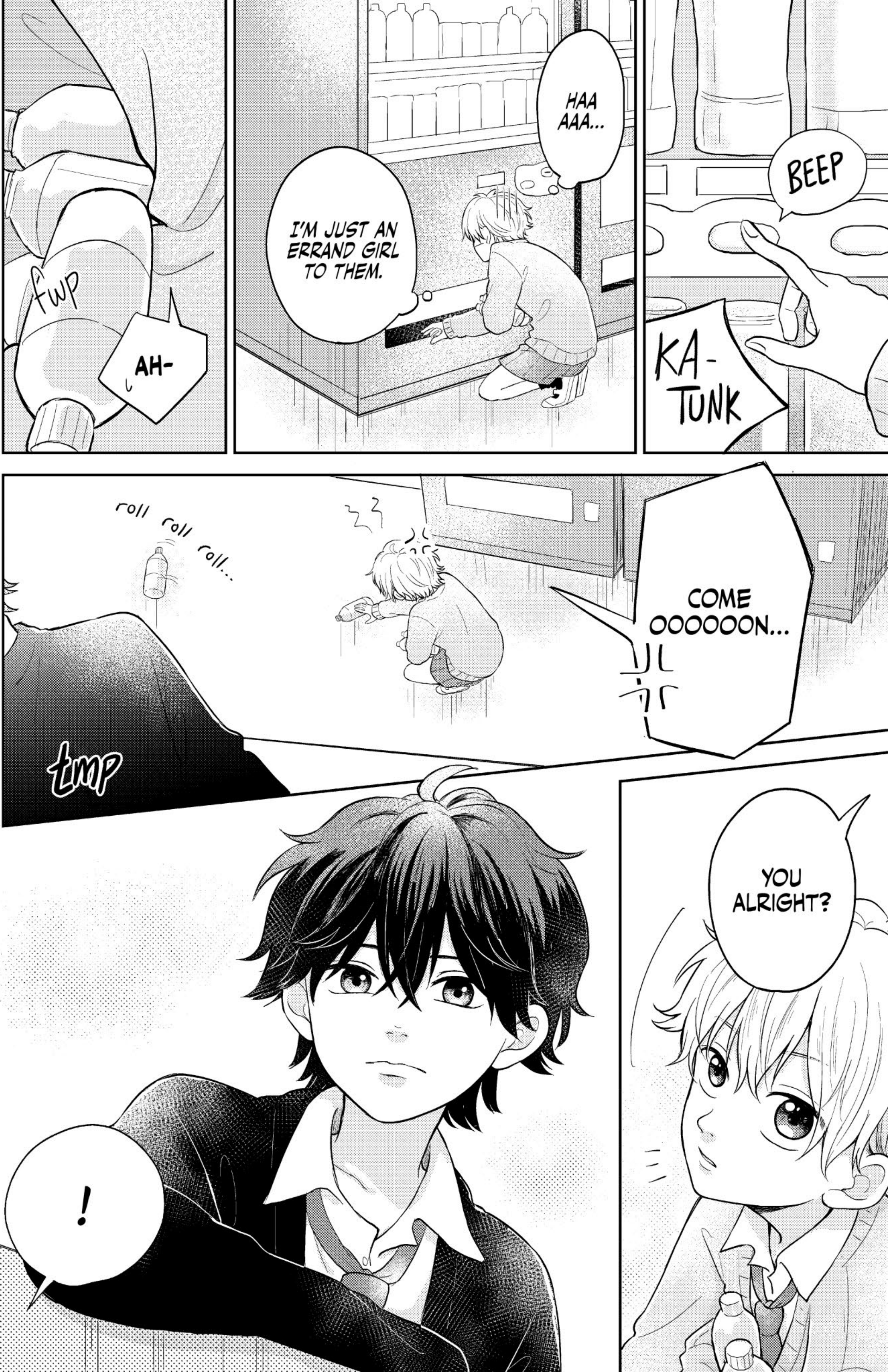

THE NEXT MORNING…
…I SEE. AND JUST WHY ARE YOU AT OUR OFFICE?
WELL, THE BIRDS HAVE BEEN FLAPPING ABOUT SINCE YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
I'VE GOT TO COLLECT MORE DATA ASAP, BUT I CAN'T USE MY OLD FACILITY, Y'KNOW…
THIS OFFICE IS ALL WINDOWS, THEY CAN FLY ANYWHERE, SO IT'S IDEAL FOR OBSERVATIONAL RESEARCH!
……
THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO STICK AROUND HERE.
HEY, HEY. THE GIRL WHO CAME IN THIS MORNING…
YEAH, SHE SURE IS A LOOKER.

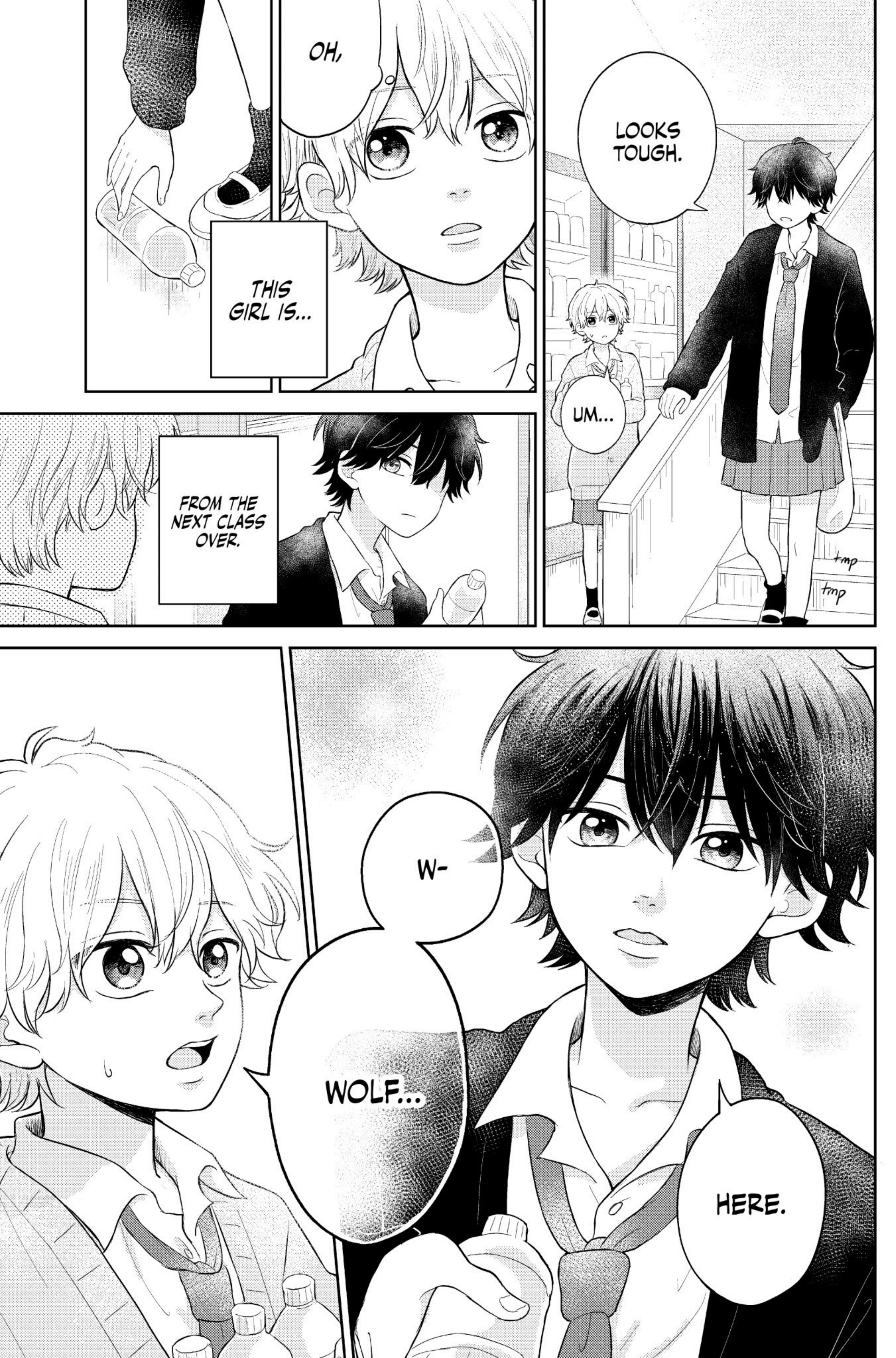

MAYBE I SHOULD ASK HER OUT.
HEY, NO CALLING DIBS!
SH-SHE LOOKED THIS WAY!
EEK! SHE'S SO COOL!
......UGH!
EEK EEK
AND YOU! DON'T MESS WITH THE EMPLOYEES.
HEY, KAI, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO WORKED UP ABOUT?
YEAH, BOSS. YOU CAN'T MONOPOLIZE HER TIME.
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, JUST GET BACK TO WORK!!
Z Z Z
THE END

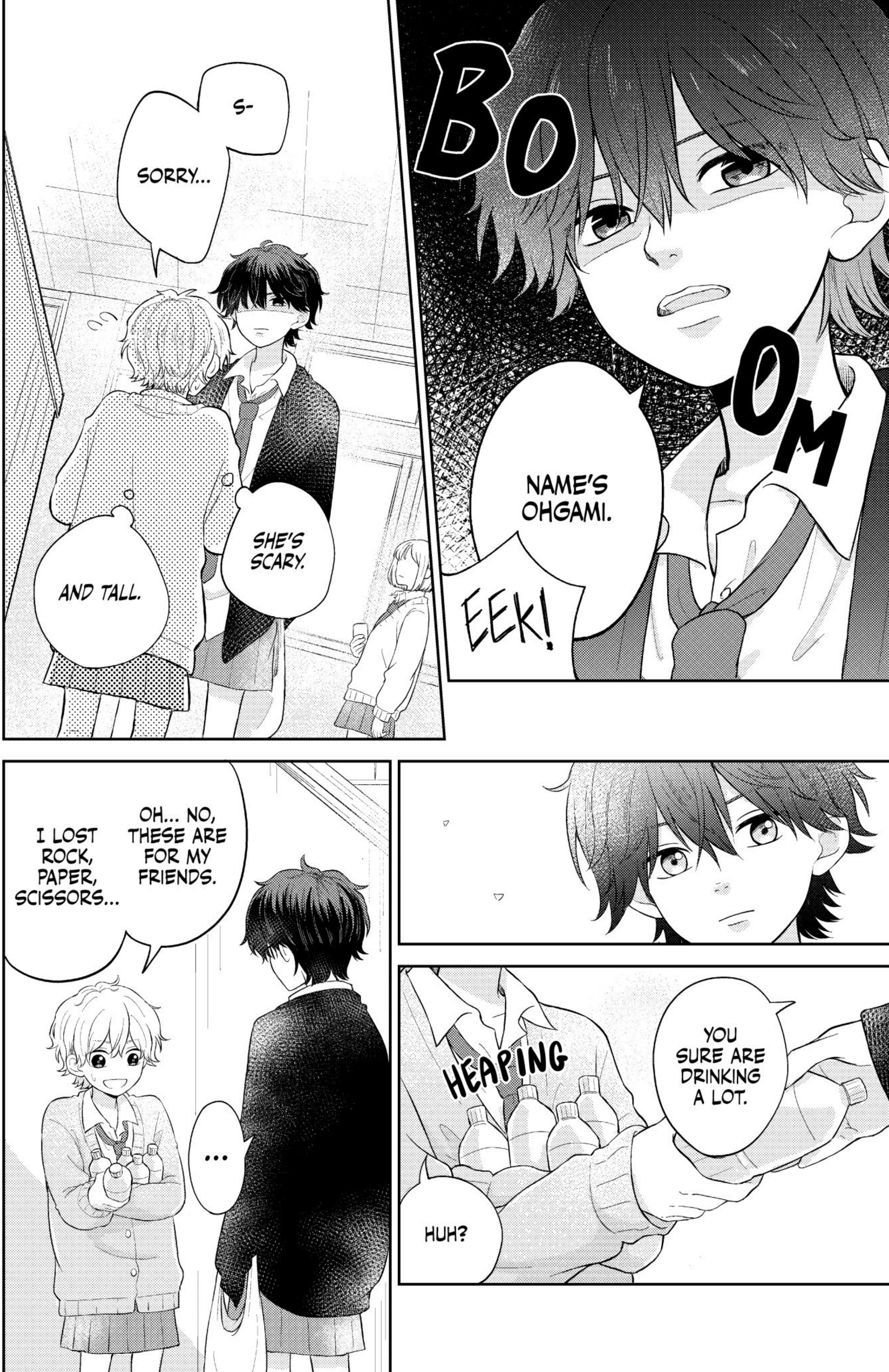
Beware The Wolf

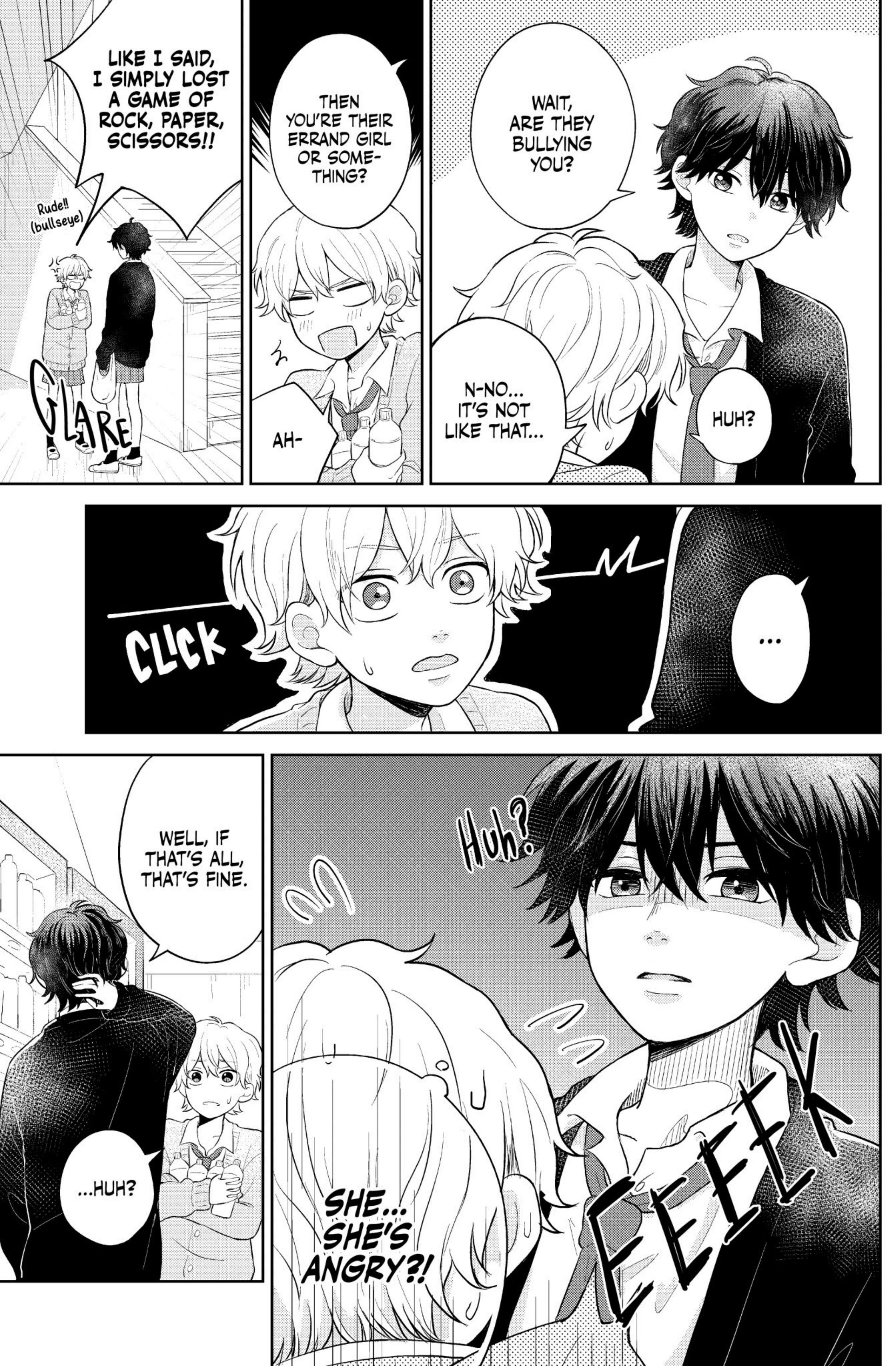
by Jackie

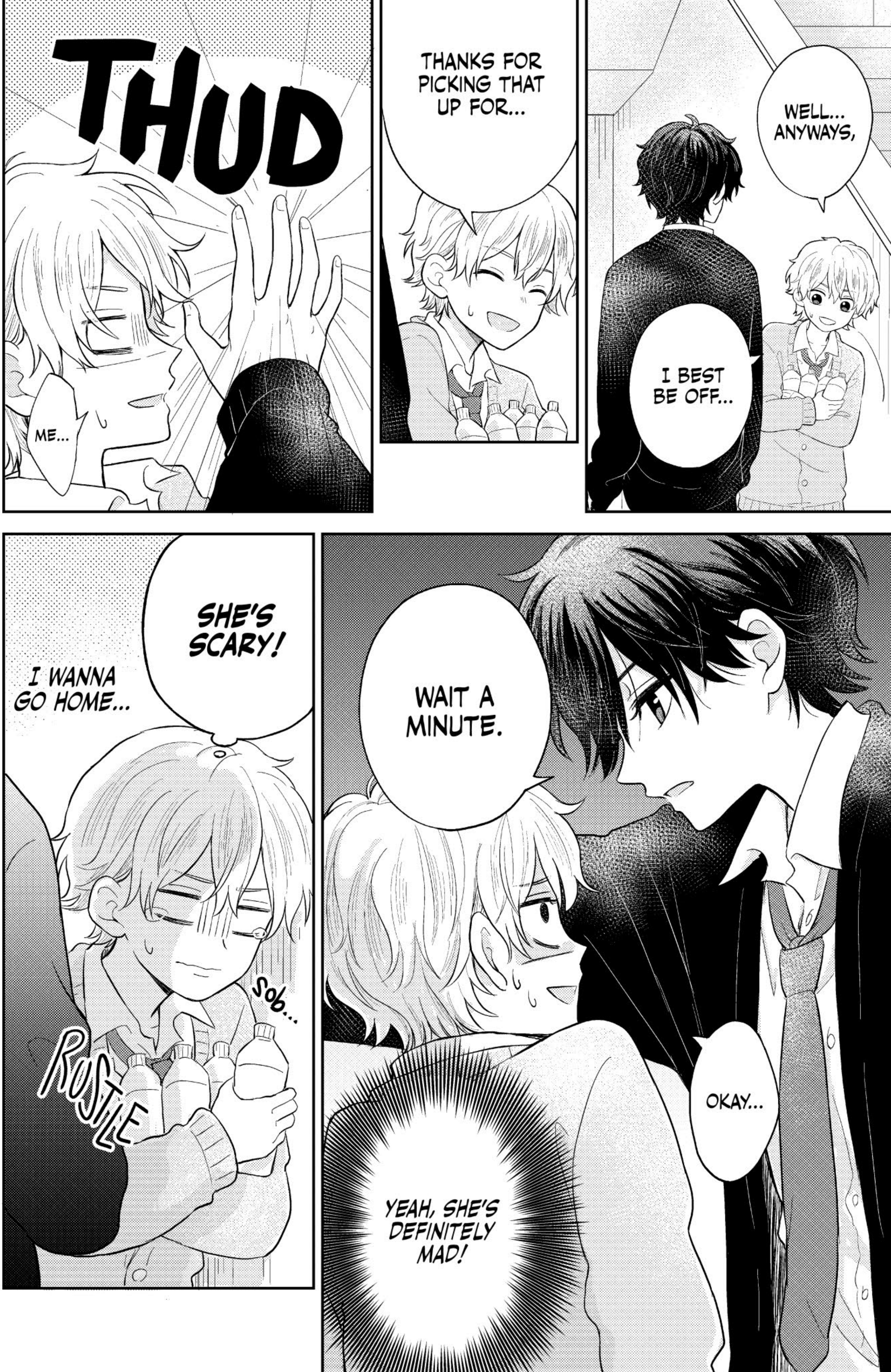

LOSER HAS TO BUY DRINKS!
HUH? WE'RE DOING THAT AGAIN?
ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS,
SHOOT
I'M DEAD LAST AGAIN?
ISN'T THAT WEIRD?
Maaaan...
THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU ALWAYS THROW OUT SCISSORS, BUNNY.
YOU SHOULD USE MORE MODERATION.
M
WHA?!
WHAT'S THAT? YOU KNEW AND LET ME PLAY FOR DRINKS ANYWAY?!
YOU'RE THE WORST!!
I THOUGHT IT'D BE FUNNY!
BWAHAHAHA
IT'S NOT FUNNY!
THANKS FOR THE DRINKS, BUNNY.
BUNNY, GET ME MILK TEA!
CLATTER
DON'T CALL ME BUNNY!

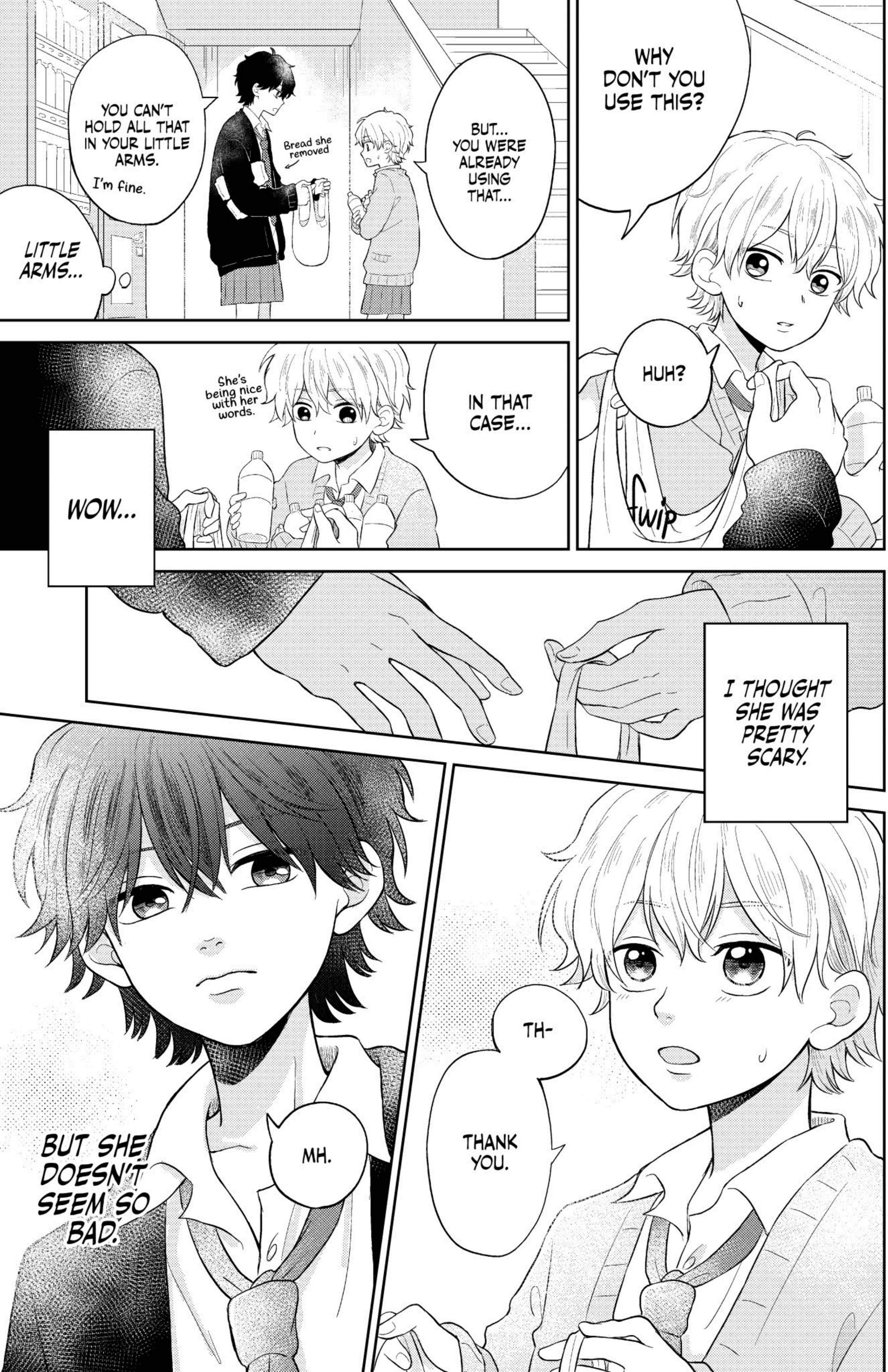

BEEP
KA-TUNK
HAA AAA...
I'M JUST AN ERRAND GIRL TO THEM.
fwp
AH-
COME OOOOOON...
roll roll roll...
tmp
YOU ALRIGHT?
!

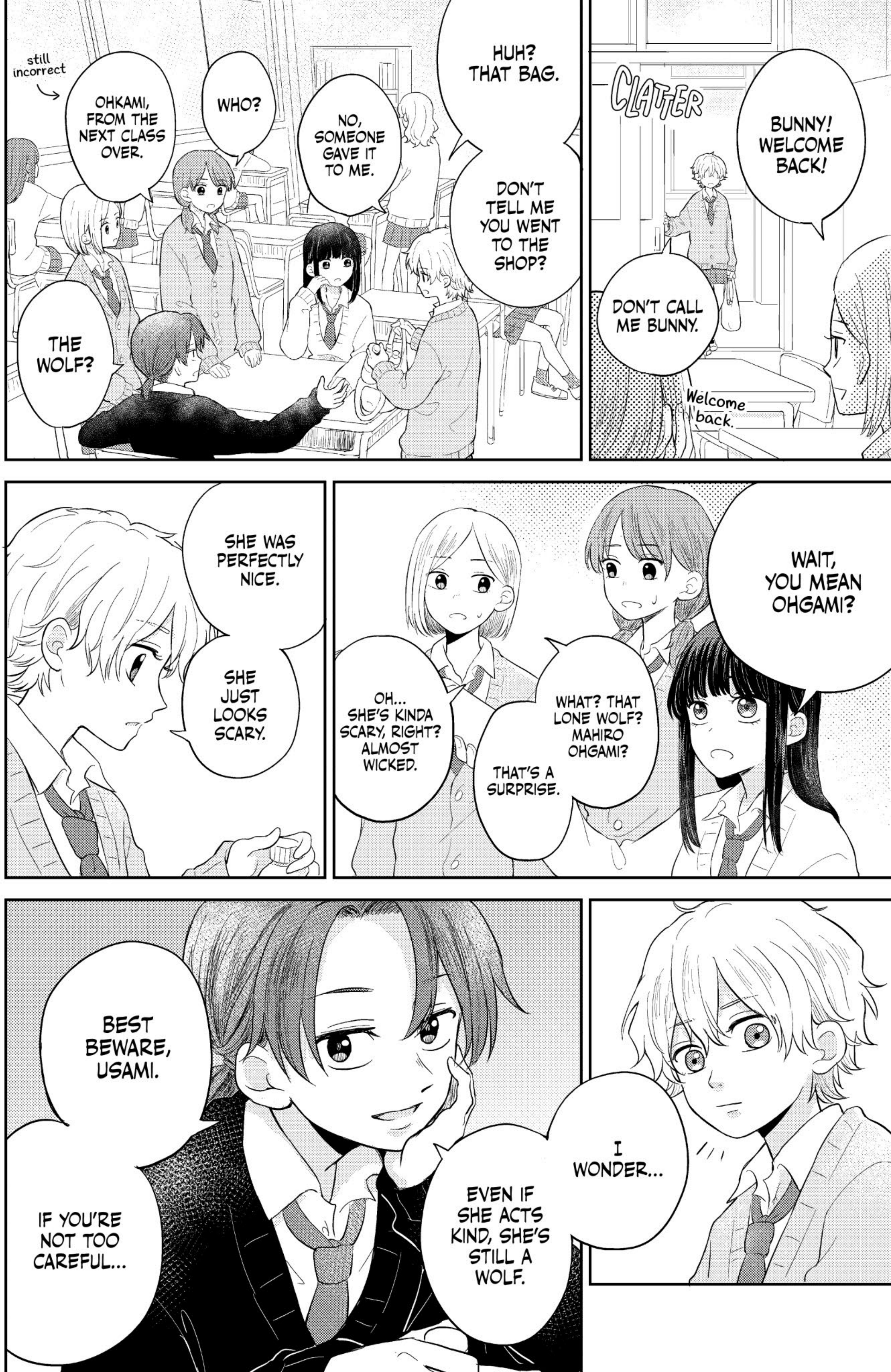

LOOKS TOUGH.
UM...
tmp
tmp
OH,
THIS GIRL IS...
FROM THE NEXT CLASS OVER.
HERE.
W-
WOLF...

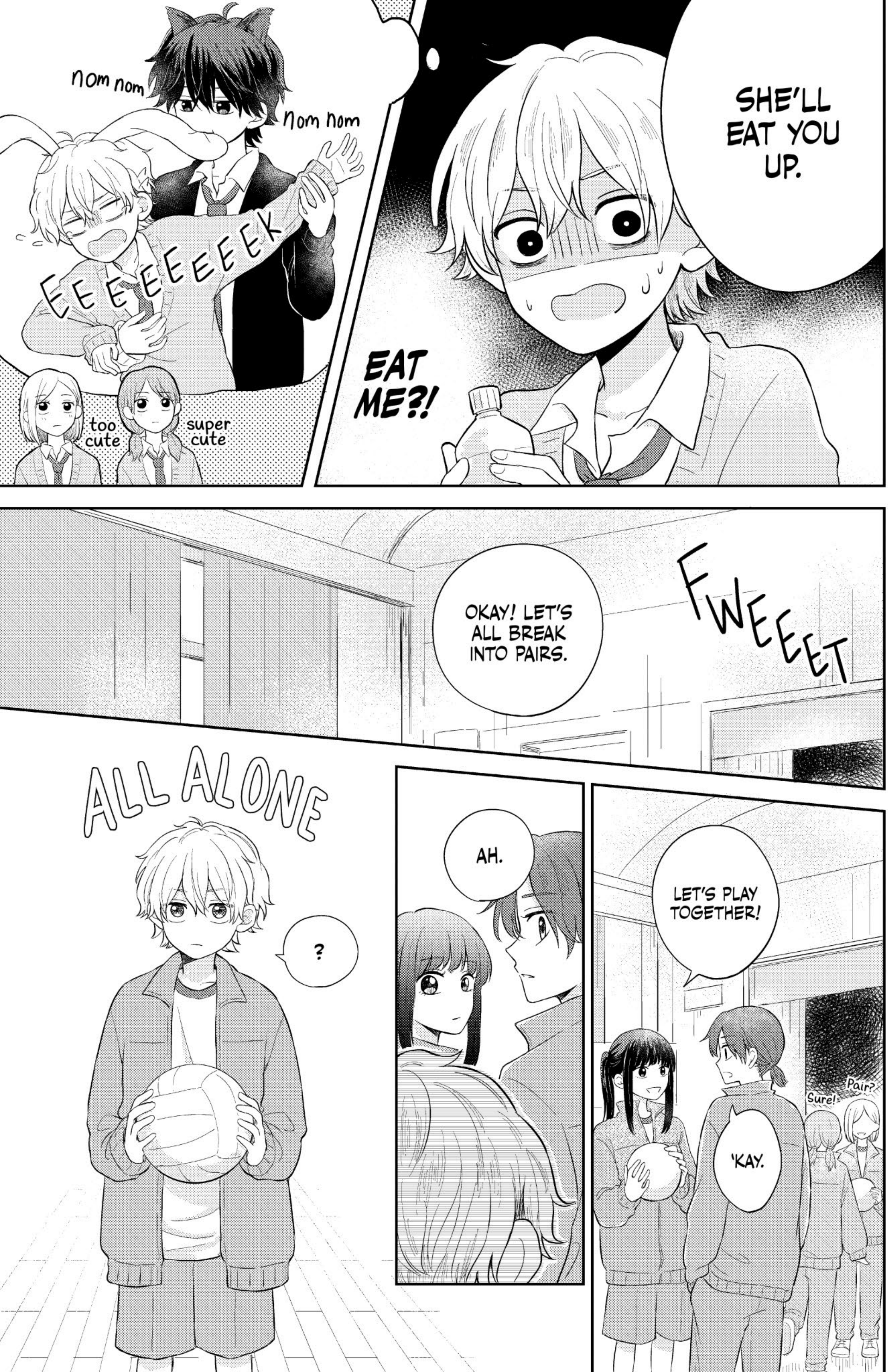

BOOM
NAME'S OHGAMI.
EEK!
S-
SORRY...
SHE'S SCARY.
AND TALL.
YOU SURE ARE DRINKING A LOT.
HEAPING
HUH?
OH... NO, THESE ARE FOR MY FRIENDS.
I LOST ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS...
...

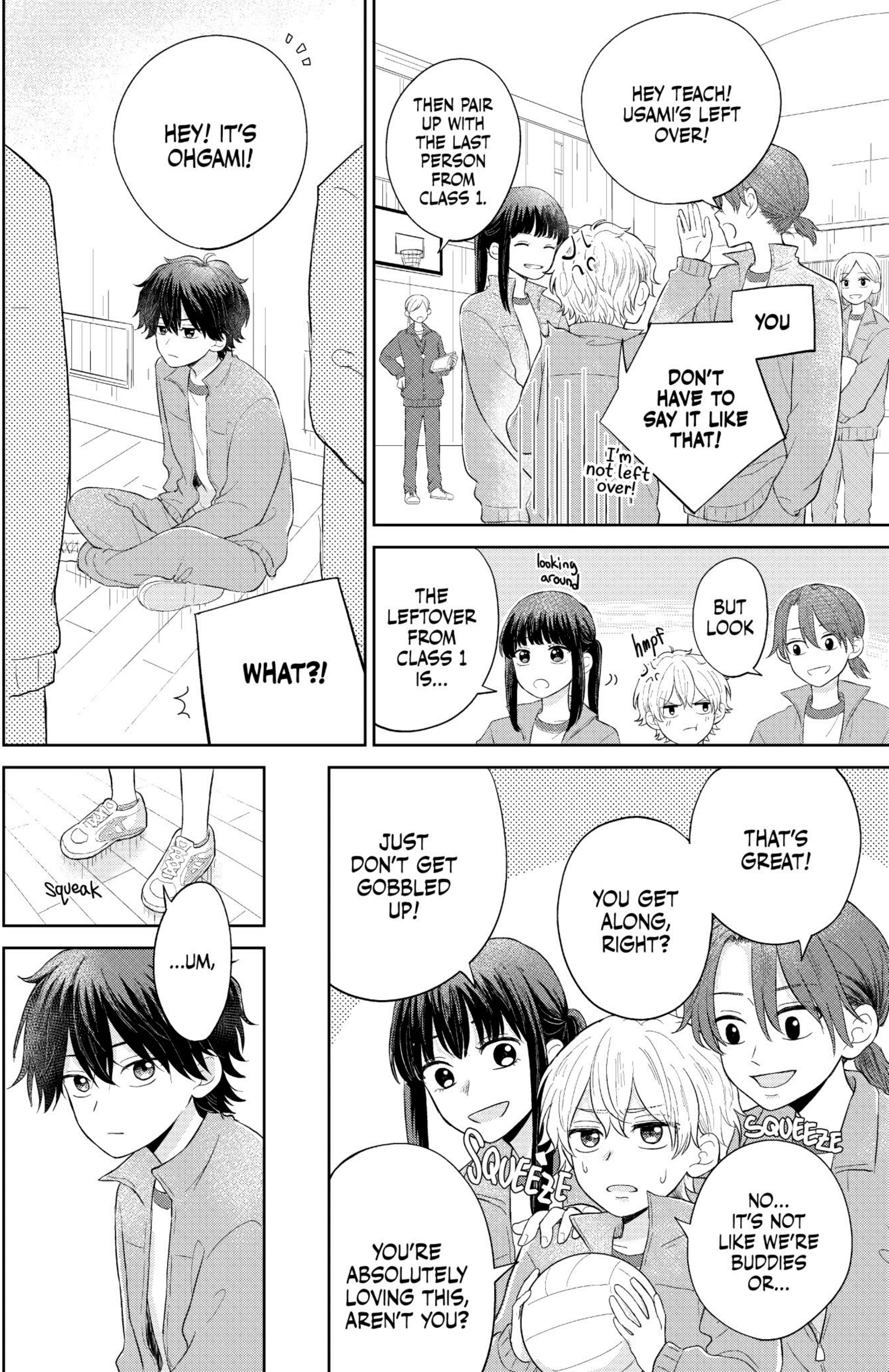

WAIT, ARE THEY BULLYING YOU?
HUH?
N-NO... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
THEN YOU'RE THEIR ERRAND GIRL OR SOME-THING?
AH-
LIKE I SAID, I SIMPLY LOST A GAME OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!!
Rude!! (bullseye)
GLARE
...
CLICK
Huh?
EEEEK
SHE... SHE'S ANGRY?!
WELL, IF THAT'S ALL, THAT'S FINE.
...HUH?

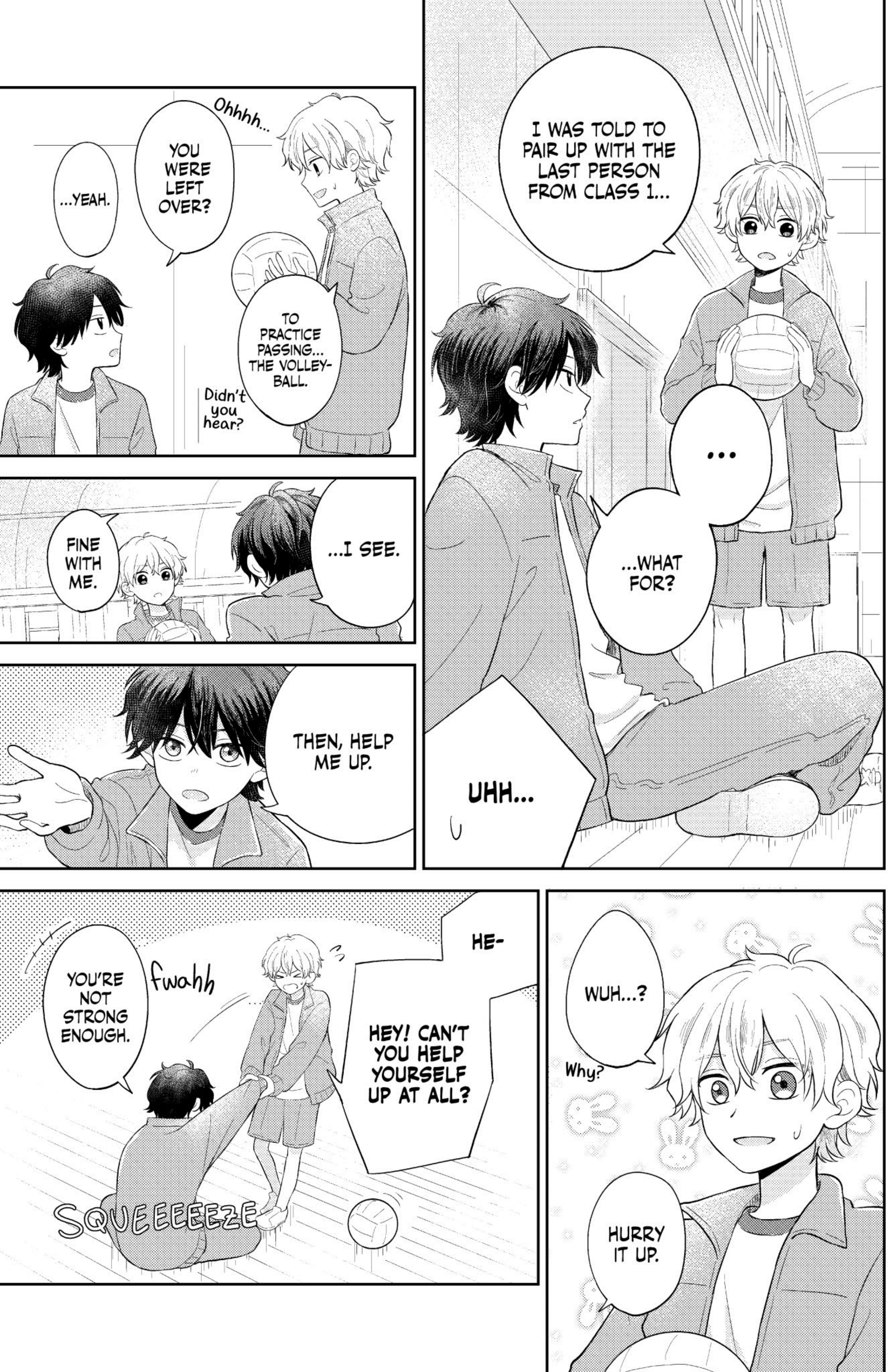

WELL... ANYWAYS,
I BEST BE OFF...
THANKS FOR PICKING THAT UP FOR...
THUD
ME...
WAIT A MINUTE.
OKAY...
YEAH, SHE'S DEFINITELY MAD!
SHE'S SCARY!
I WANNA GO HOME...
sob...
RUSTLE

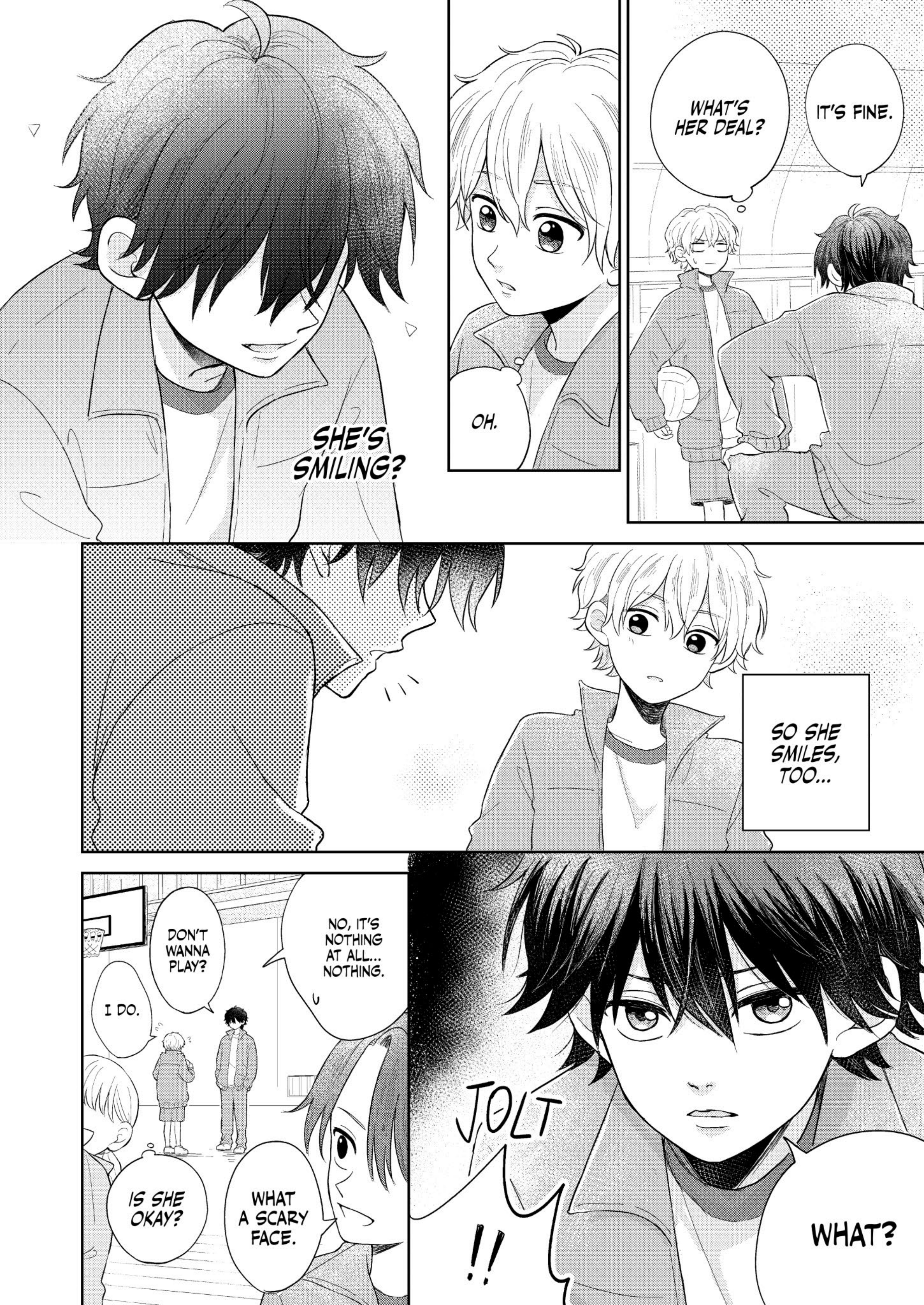

YOU CAN'T HOLD ALL THAT IN YOUR LITTLE ARMS.
I'm fine.
Bread she removed
LITTLE ARMS...
BUT... YOU WERE ALREADY USING THAT...
She's being nice with her words.
IN THAT CASE...
WOW...
WHY DON'T YOU USE THIS?
HUH?
fwip
I THOUGHT SHE WAS PRETTY SCARY.
TH-
THANK YOU.
MH.
BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM SO BAD.

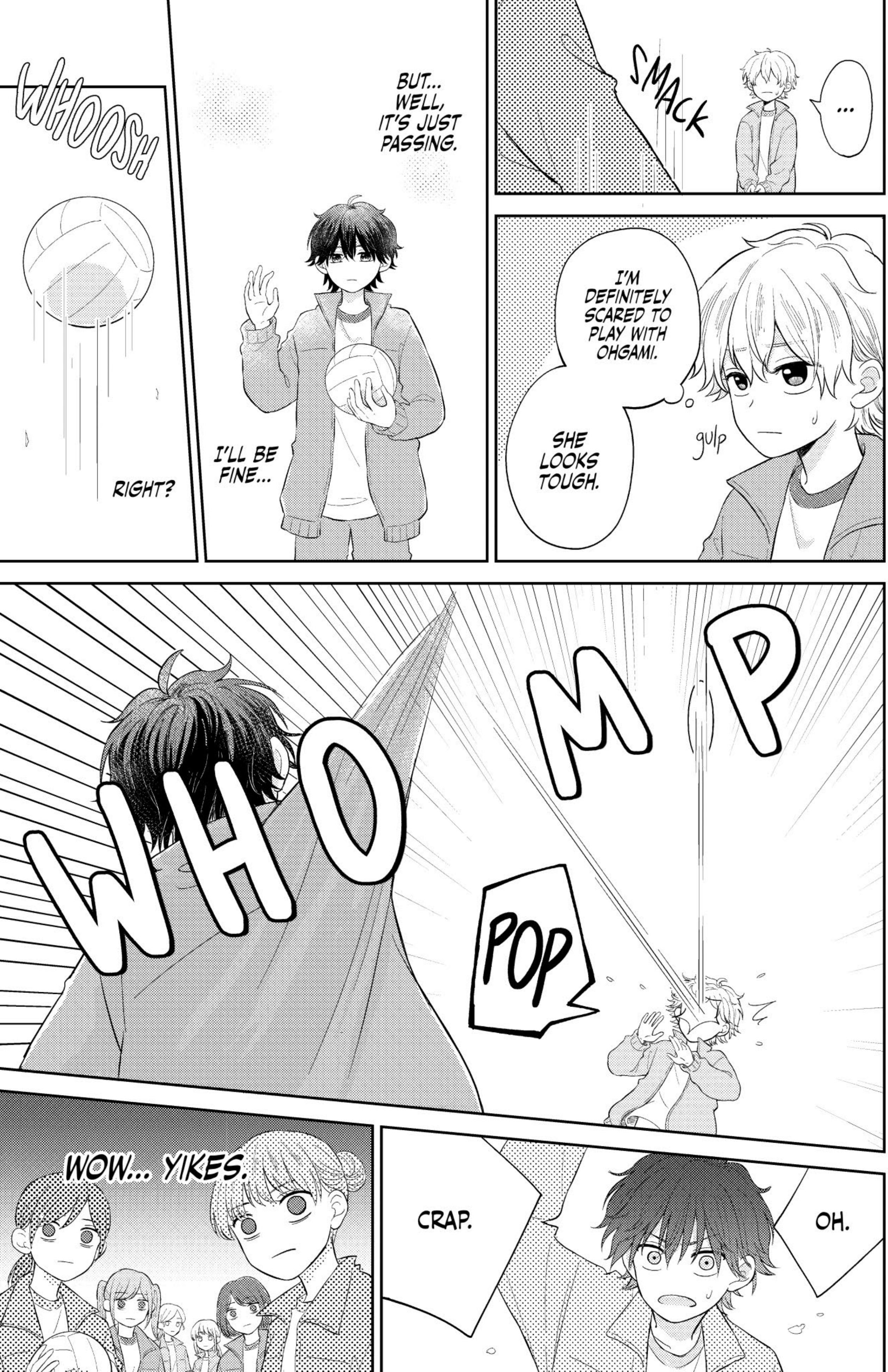

CLATTER
BUNNY! WELCOME BACK!
DON'T CALL ME BUNNY.
Welcome back.
HUH? THAT BAG.
DON'T TELL ME YOU WENT TO THE SHOP?
NO, SOMEONE GAVE IT TO ME.
WHO?
OHKAMI, FROM THE NEXT CLASS OVER.
still incorrect
THE WOLF?
WAIT, YOU MEAN OHGAMI?
WHAT? THAT LONE WOLF? MAHIRO OHGAMI?
THAT'S A SURPRISE.
OH... SHE'S KINDA SCARY, RIGHT? ALMOST WICKED.
SHE WAS PERFECTLY NICE.
SHE JUST LOOKS SCARY.
I WONDER...
EVEN IF SHE ACTS KIND, SHE'S STILL A WOLF.
BEST BEWARE, USAMI.
IF YOU'RE NOT TOO CAREFUL...

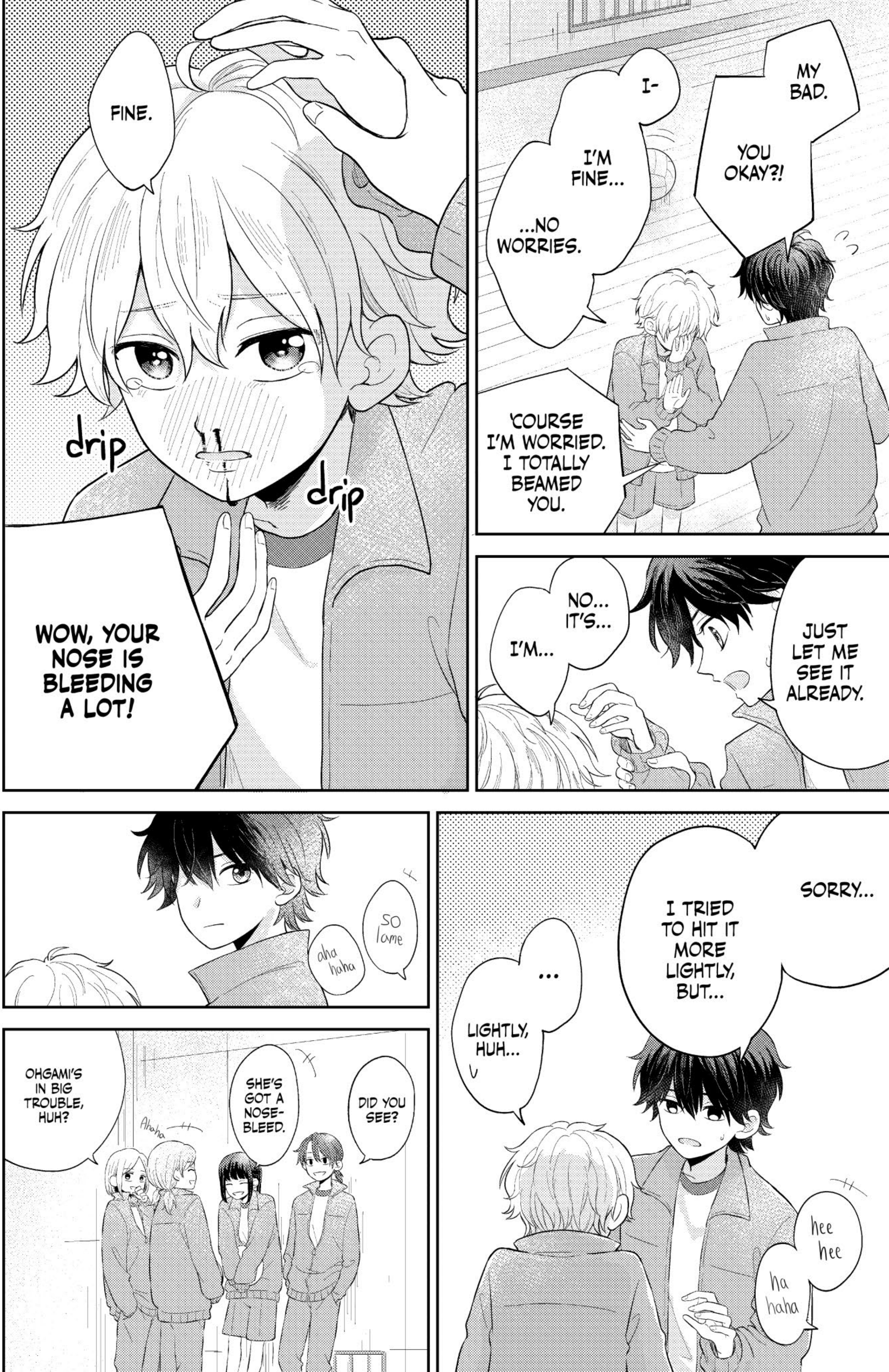

SHE'LL EAT YOU UP.
EAT ME?!
nom nom
nom nom
EEEEEEEEEK
super cute
too cute
FWEEEET
OKAY! LET'S ALL BREAK INTO PAIRS.
LET'S PLAY TOGETHER!
'KAY.
Pair?
Sure!
AH.
ALL ALONE
?

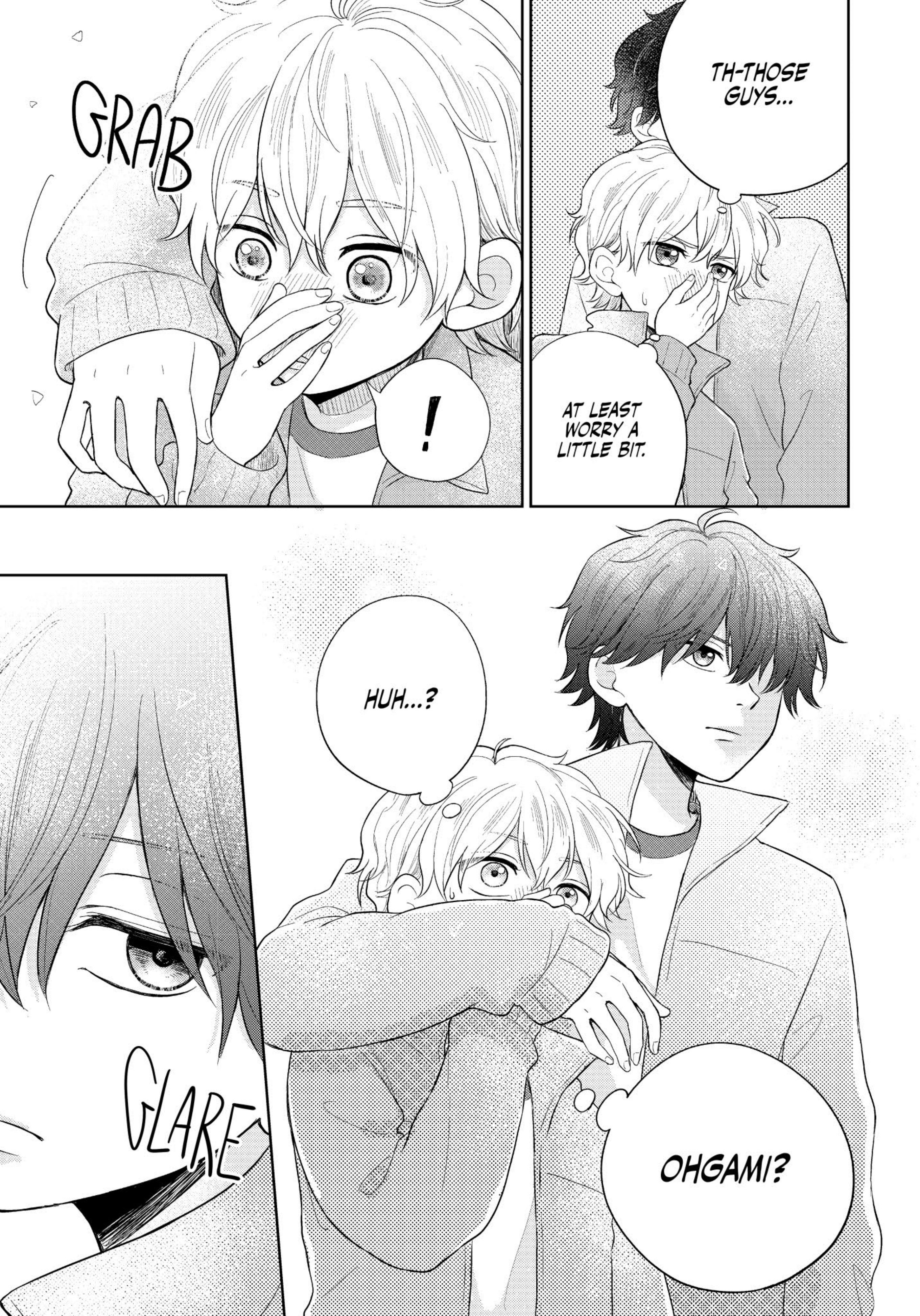

HEY TEACH! USAMI'S LEFT OVER!
THEN PAIR UP WITH THE LAST PERSON FROM CLASS 1.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT LIKE THAT!
I'm not left over!
BUT LOOK
hmpf
looking around
THE LEFTOVER FROM CLASS 1 IS...
HEY! IT'S OHGAMI!
WHAT?!
THAT'S GREAT!
YOU GET ALONG, RIGHT?
JUST DON'T GET GOBBLED UP!
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
NO... IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE BUDDIES OR...
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY LOVING THIS, AREN'T YOU?
squeak
...UM,

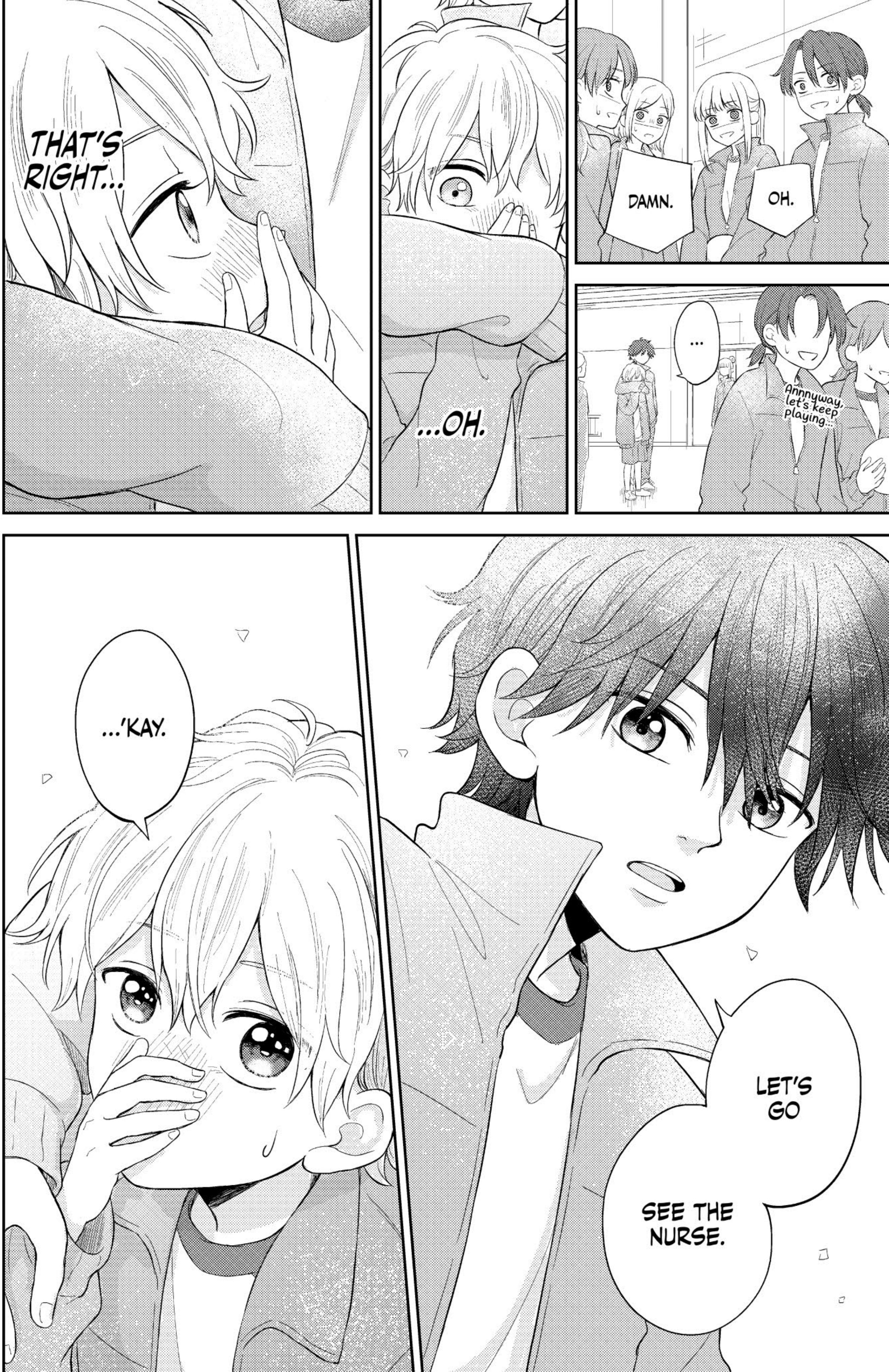

I WAS TOLD TO PAIR UP WITH THE LAST PERSON FROM CLASS 1...
...
...WHAT FOR?
UHH...
Ohhhh...
YOU WERE LEFT OVER?
...YEAH.
TO PRACTICE PASSING... THE VOLLEYBALL.
Didn't you hear?
...I SEE.
FINE WITH ME.
THEN, HELP ME UP.
WUH...?
Why?
HURRY IT UP.
HE-
HEY! CAN'T YOU HELP YOURSELF UP AT ALL?
fwahh
YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH.
SQUEEEEEEZE

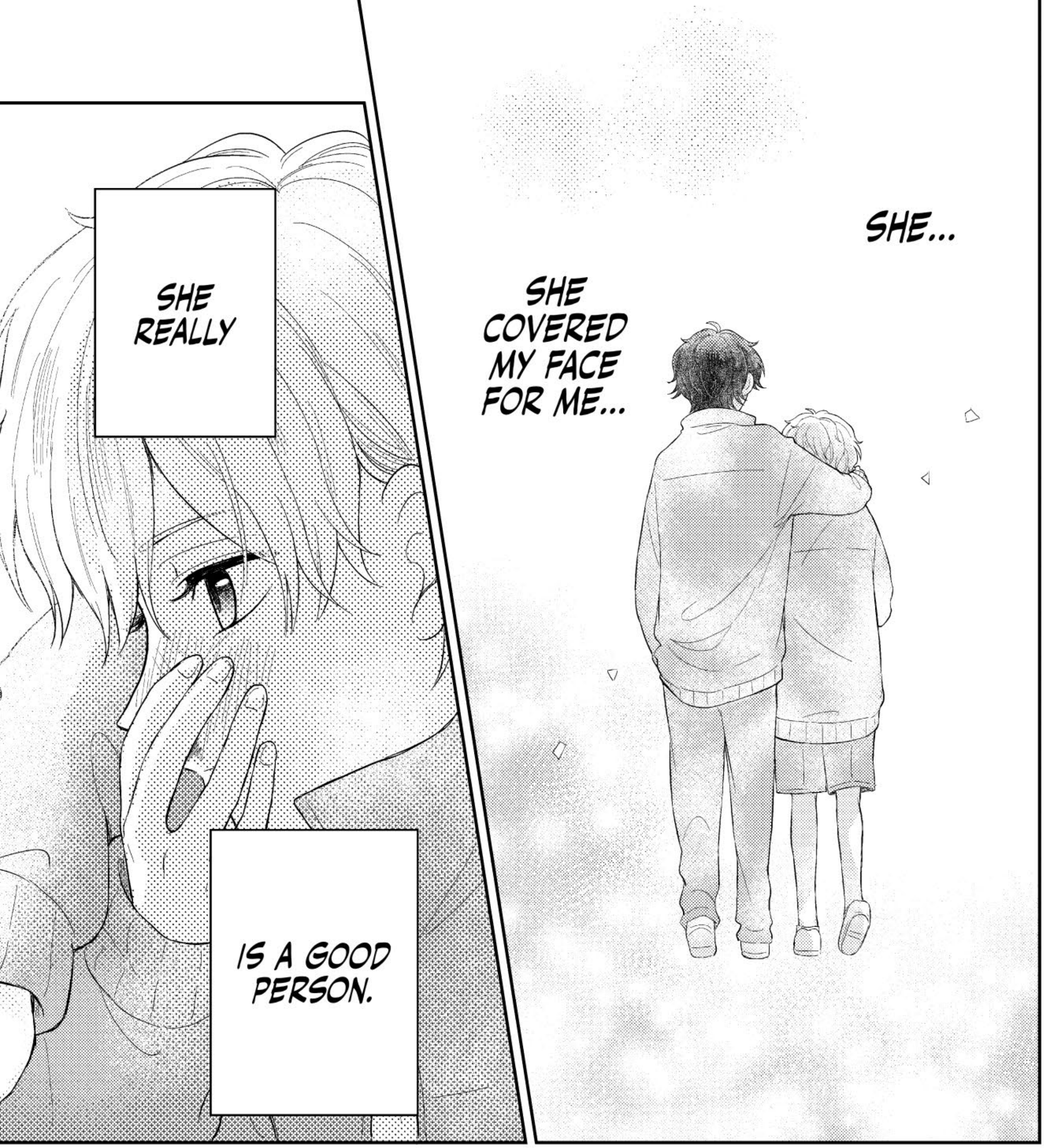

IT'S FINE.
WHAT'S HER DEAL?
OH.
SHE'S SMILING?
SO SHE SMILES, TOO...
WHAT?
JOLT
!!
NO, IT'S NOTHING AT ALL... NOTHING.
DON'T WANNA PLAY?
I DO.
WHAT A SCARY FACE.
IS SHE OKAY?

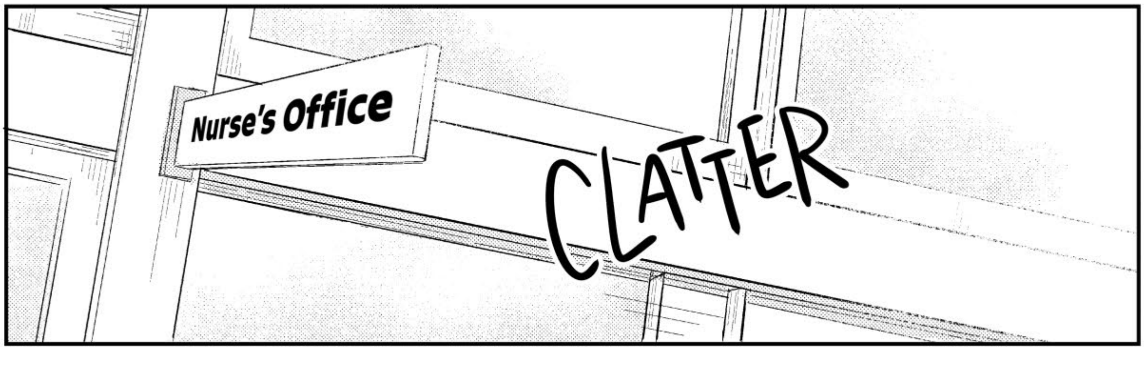

SMACK
...
I'M DEFINITELY SCARED TO PLAY WITH OHGAMI.
SHE LOOKS TOUGH.
gulp
BUT... WELL, IT'S JUST PASSING.
I'LL BE FINE...
WHOOSH
RIGHT?
WHOMP
POP
OH.
CRAP.
WOW... YIKES.

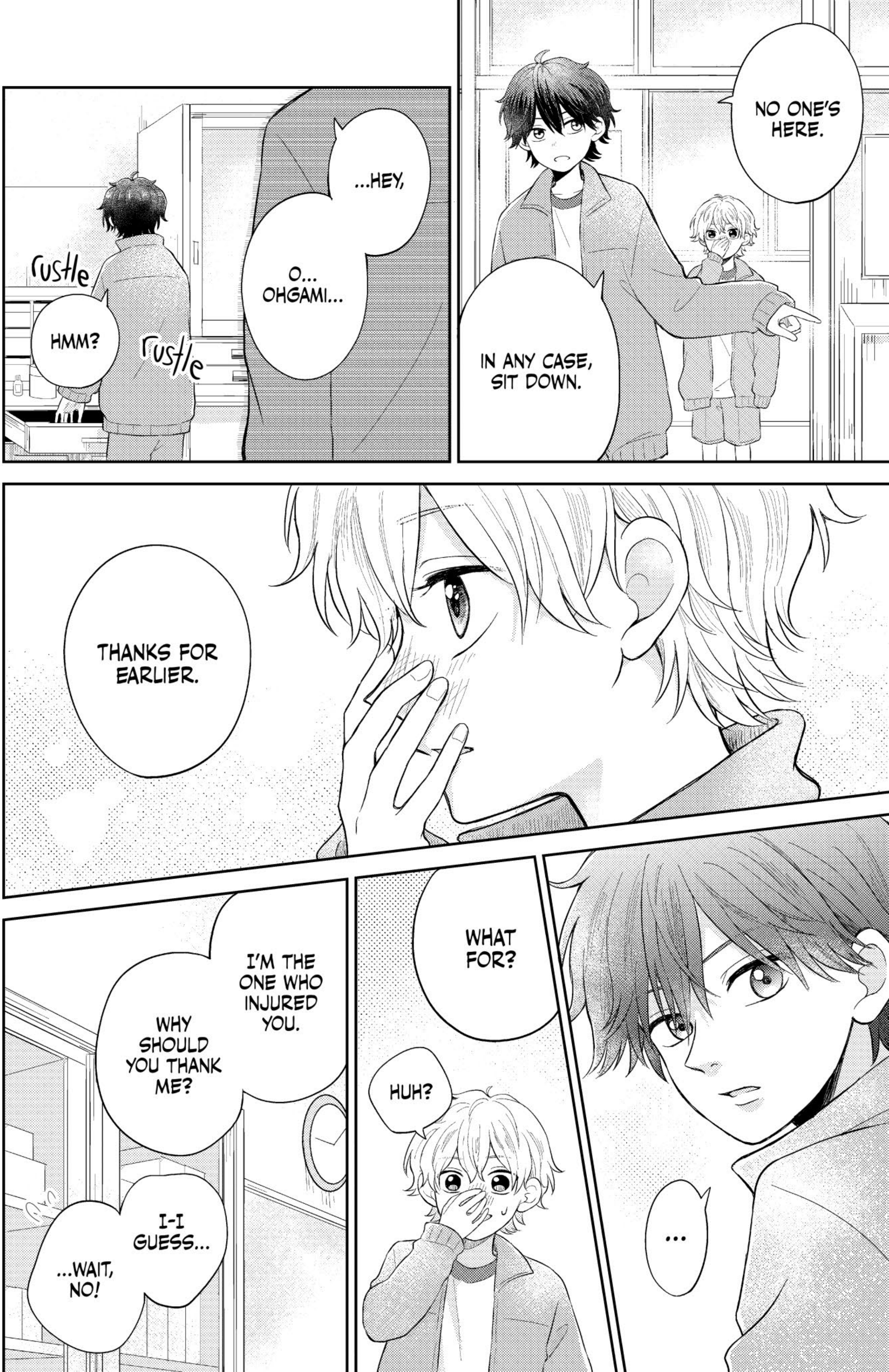

MY BAD.
YOU OKAY?!
I-
I'M FINE...
...NO WORRIES.
'COURSE I'M WORRIED. I TOTALLY BEAMED YOU.
JUST LET ME SEE IT ALREADY.
NO... IT'S...
I'M...
FINE.
drip
drip
WOW, YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING A LOT!
SORRY...
I TRIED TO HIT IT MORE LIGHTLY, BUT...
...
LIGHTLY, HUH...
hee hee
ha haha
SO lame
aha haha
DID YOU SEE?
SHE'S GOT A NOSE-BLEED.
OHGAMI'S IN BIG TROUBLE, HUH?
Ahaha

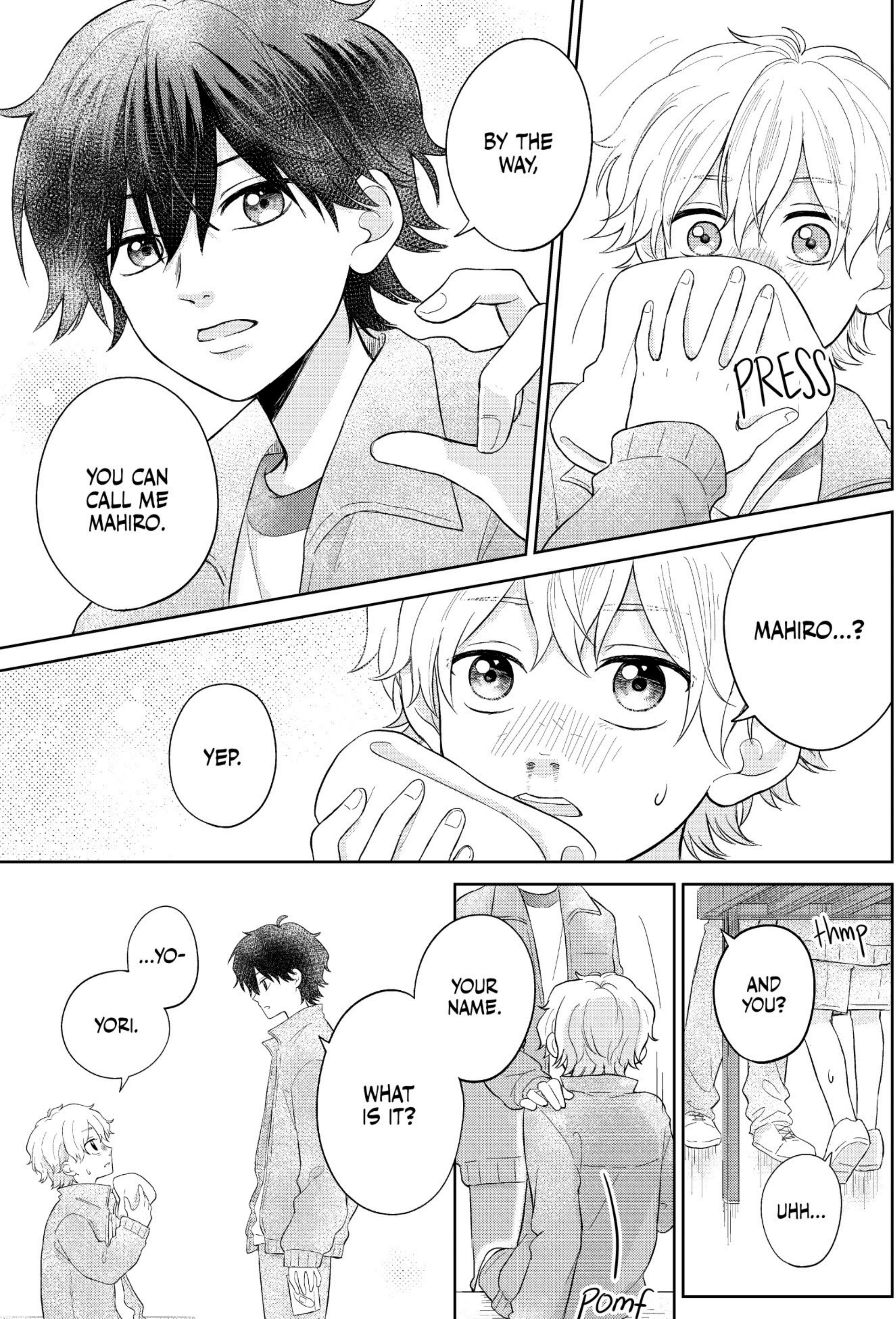

TH-THOSE GUYS...
AT LEAST WORRY A LITTLE BIT.
GRAB
!
HUH...?
OHGAMI?
GLARE

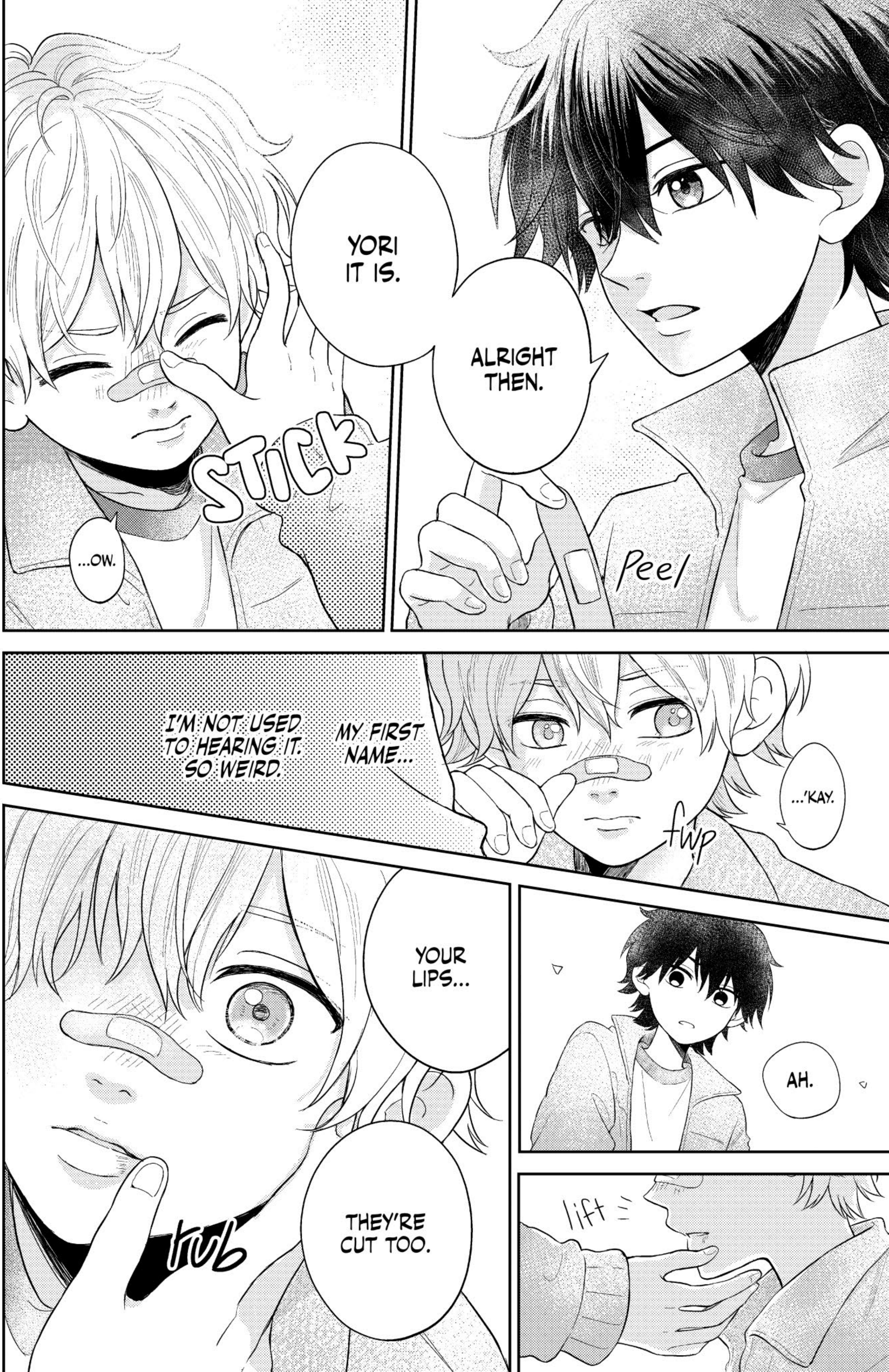

OH.
DAMN.
...
Annnyway, let's keep playing...
...OH.
THAT'S RIGHT...
LET'S GO SEE THE NURSE.
...'KAY.

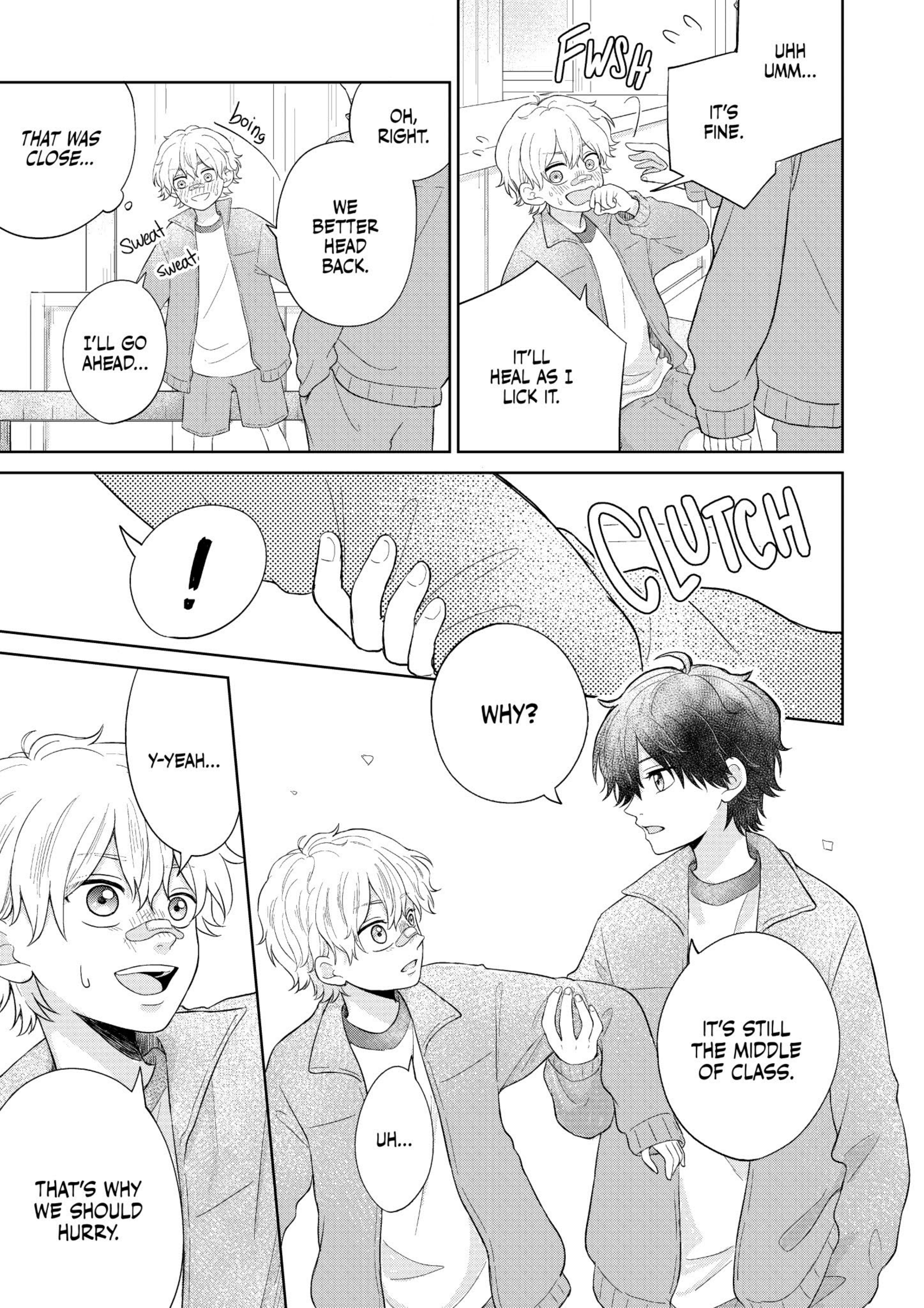

SHE...
SHE COVERED MY FACE FOR ME...
SHE REALLY
IS A GOOD PERSON.

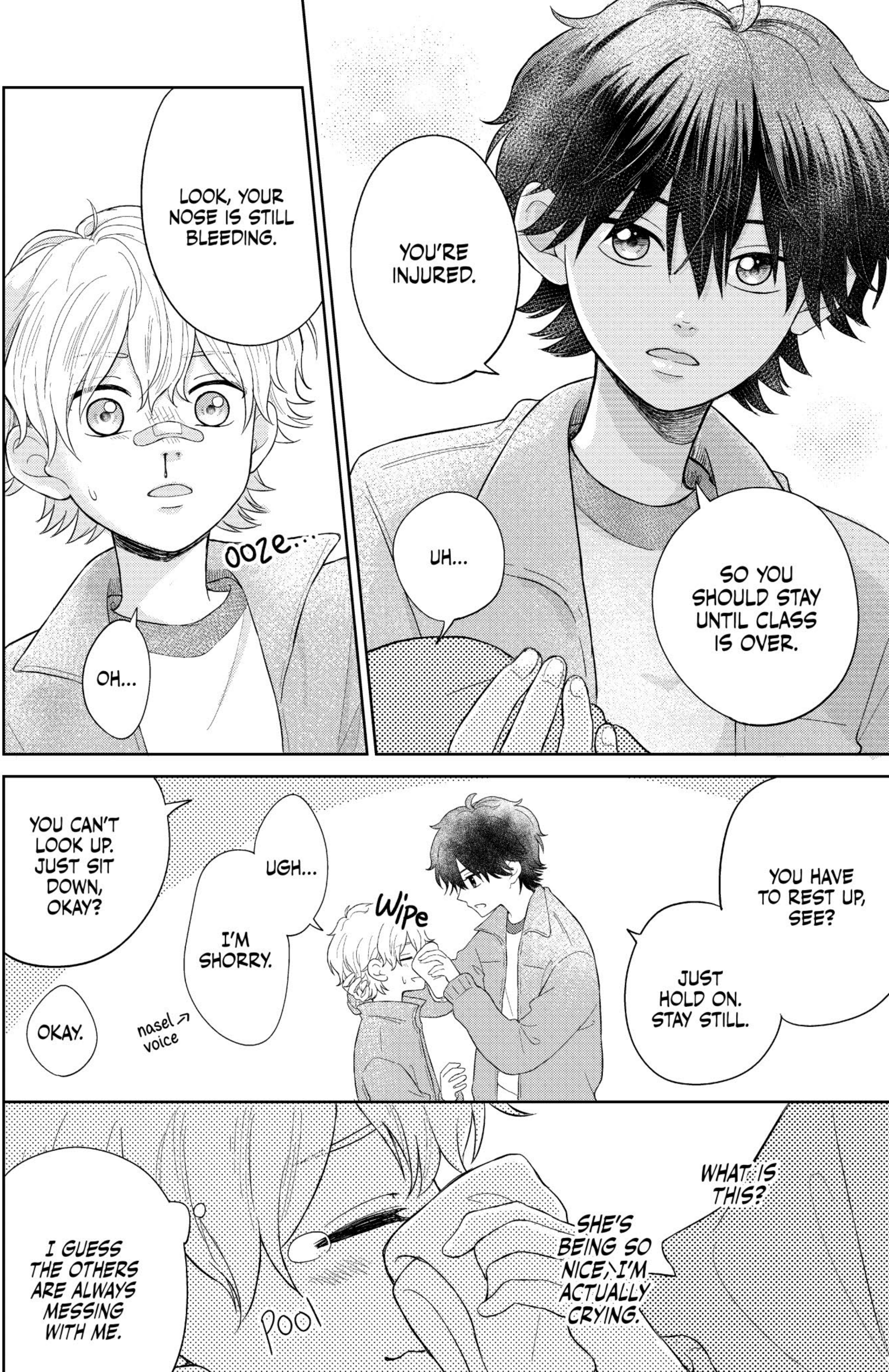

Nurse's Office
CLATTER

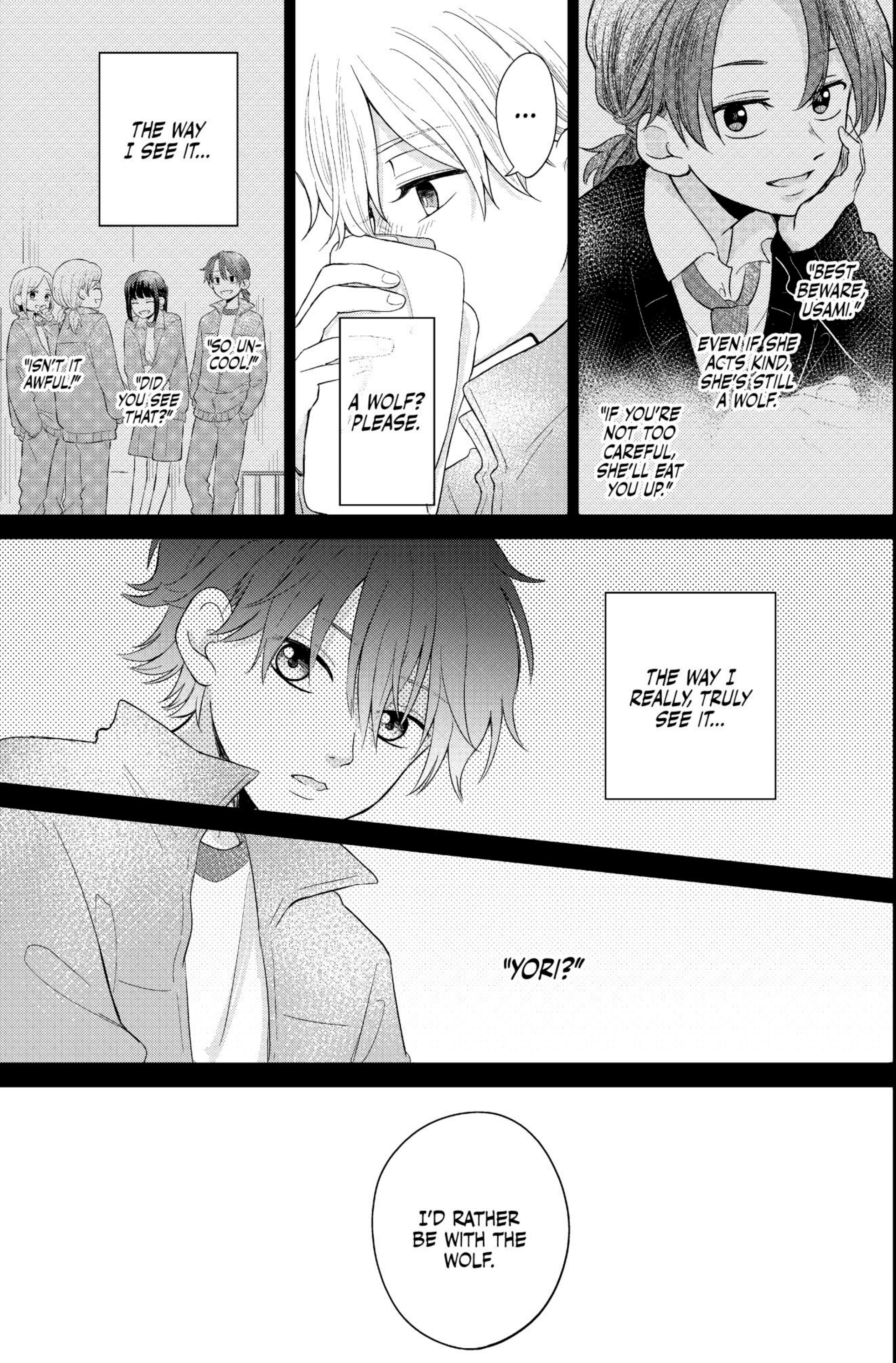

NO ONE'S HERE.
IN ANY CASE, SIT DOWN.
...HEY,
O... OHGAMI...
HMM?
rustle
rustle
THANKS FOR EARLIER.
WHAT FOR?
...
HUH?
I'M THE ONE WHO INJURED YOU.
WHY SHOULD YOU THANK ME?
I-I GUESS...
...WAIT, NO!

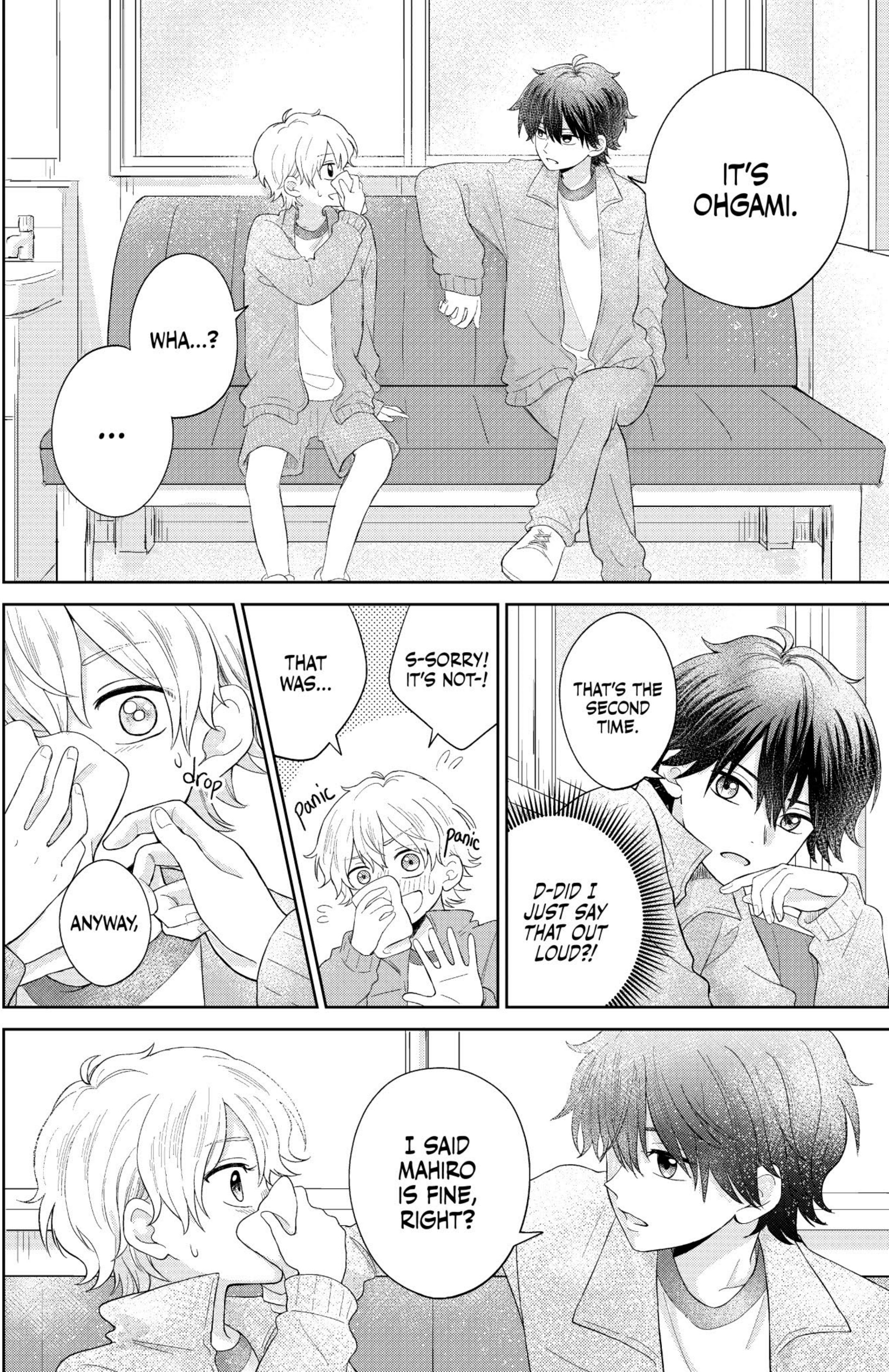

BY THE WAY,
YOU CAN CALL ME MAHIRO.
PRESS
MAHIRO...?
YEP.
thmp
AND YOU?
UHH...
Pomf
YOUR NAME.
WHAT IS IT?
...YO-
YORI.

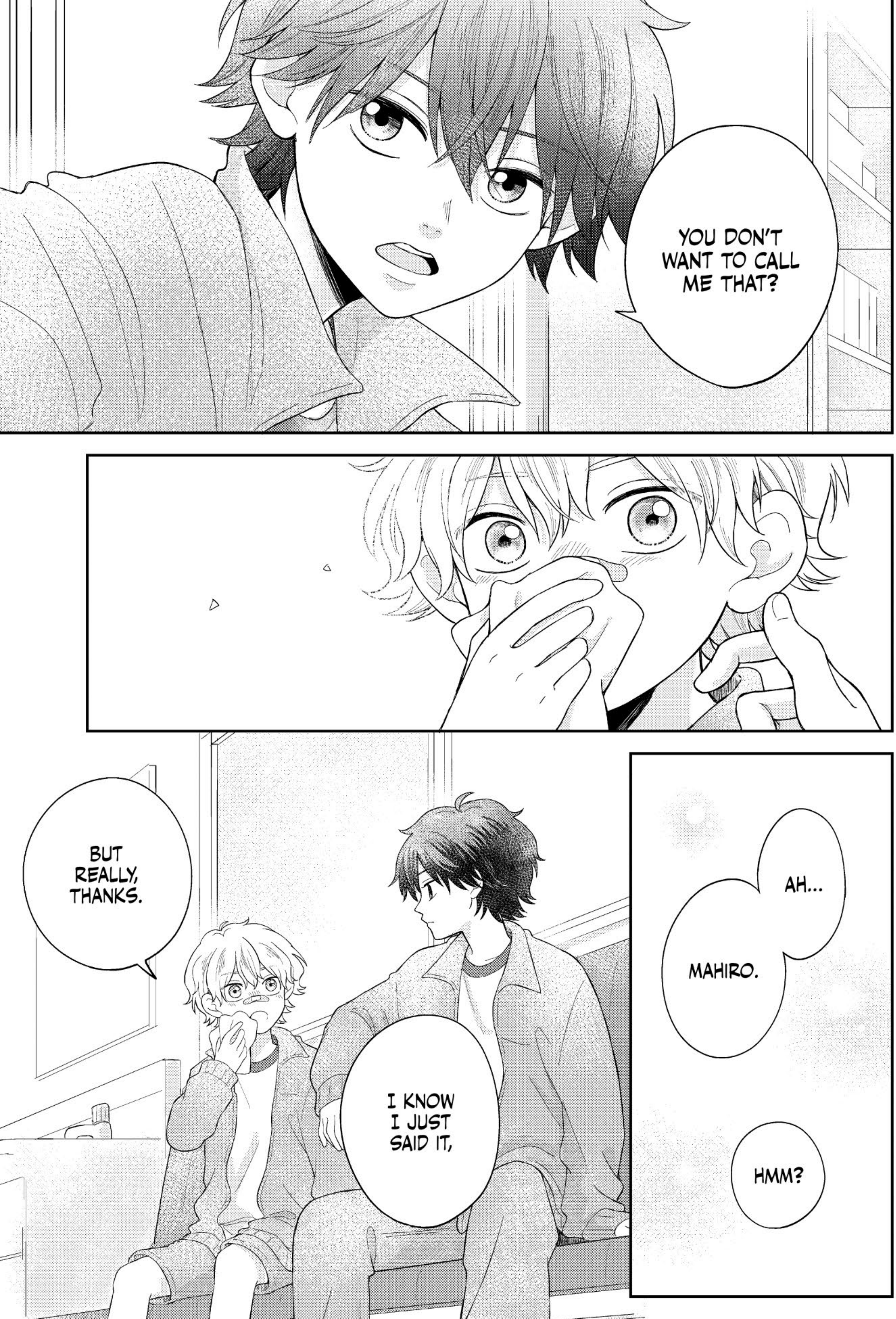

YORI IT IS.
ALRIGHT THEN.
Peel
STICK
...OW.
...'KAY.
fwp
MY FIRST NAME...
I'M NOT USED TO HEARING IT. SO WEIRD.
AH.
YOUR LIPS...
THEY'RE CUT TOO.
rub
lift

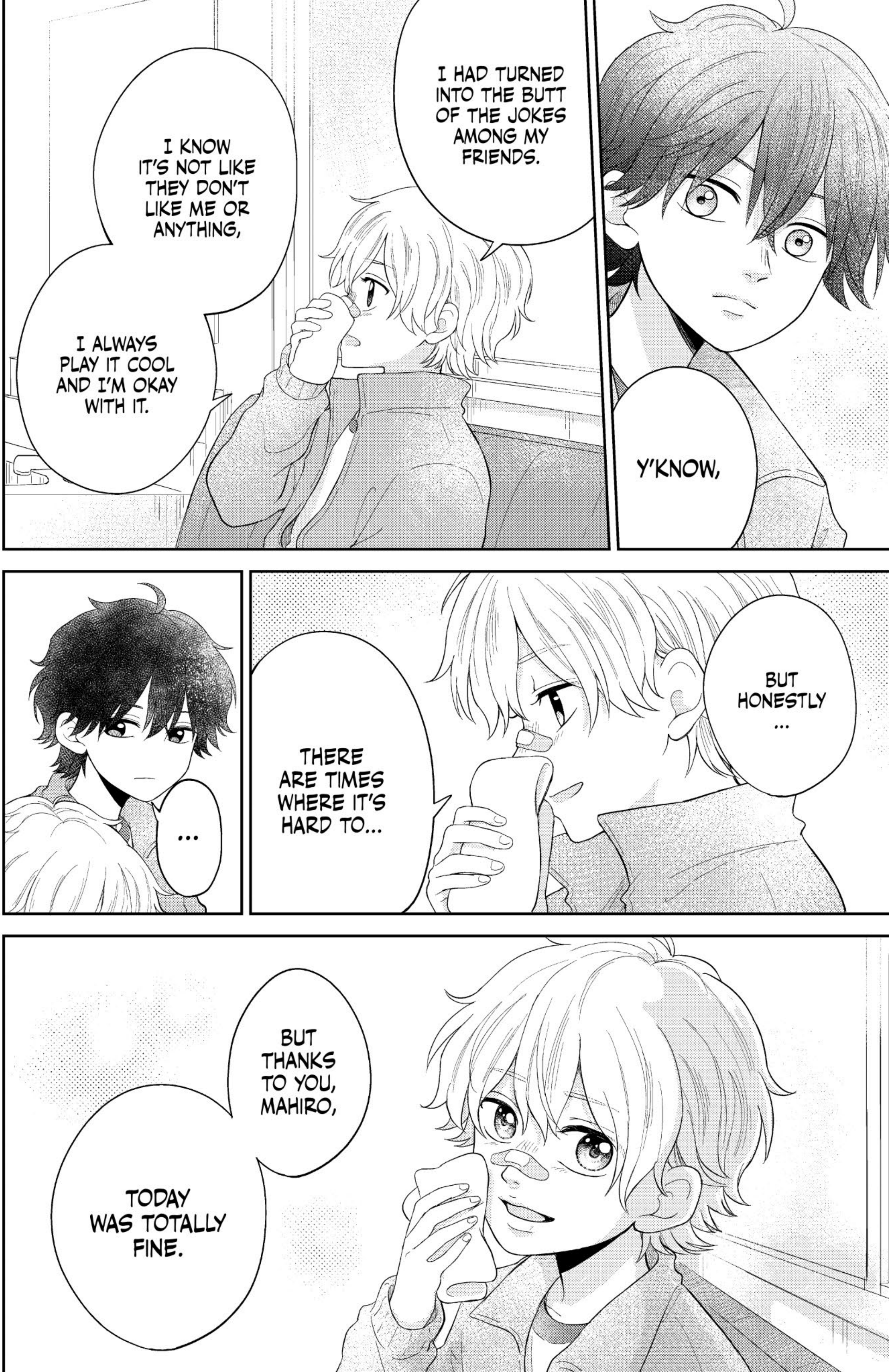

FWSH
UHH UMM...
IT'S FINE.
IT'LL HEAL AS I LICK IT.
OH, RIGHT.
WE BETTER HEAD BACK.
boing
THAT WAS CLOSE...
Sweat sweat
I'LL GO AHEAD...
CLUTCH
!
WHY?
IT'S STILL THE MIDDLE OF CLASS.
UH...
Y-YEAH...
THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD HURRY.

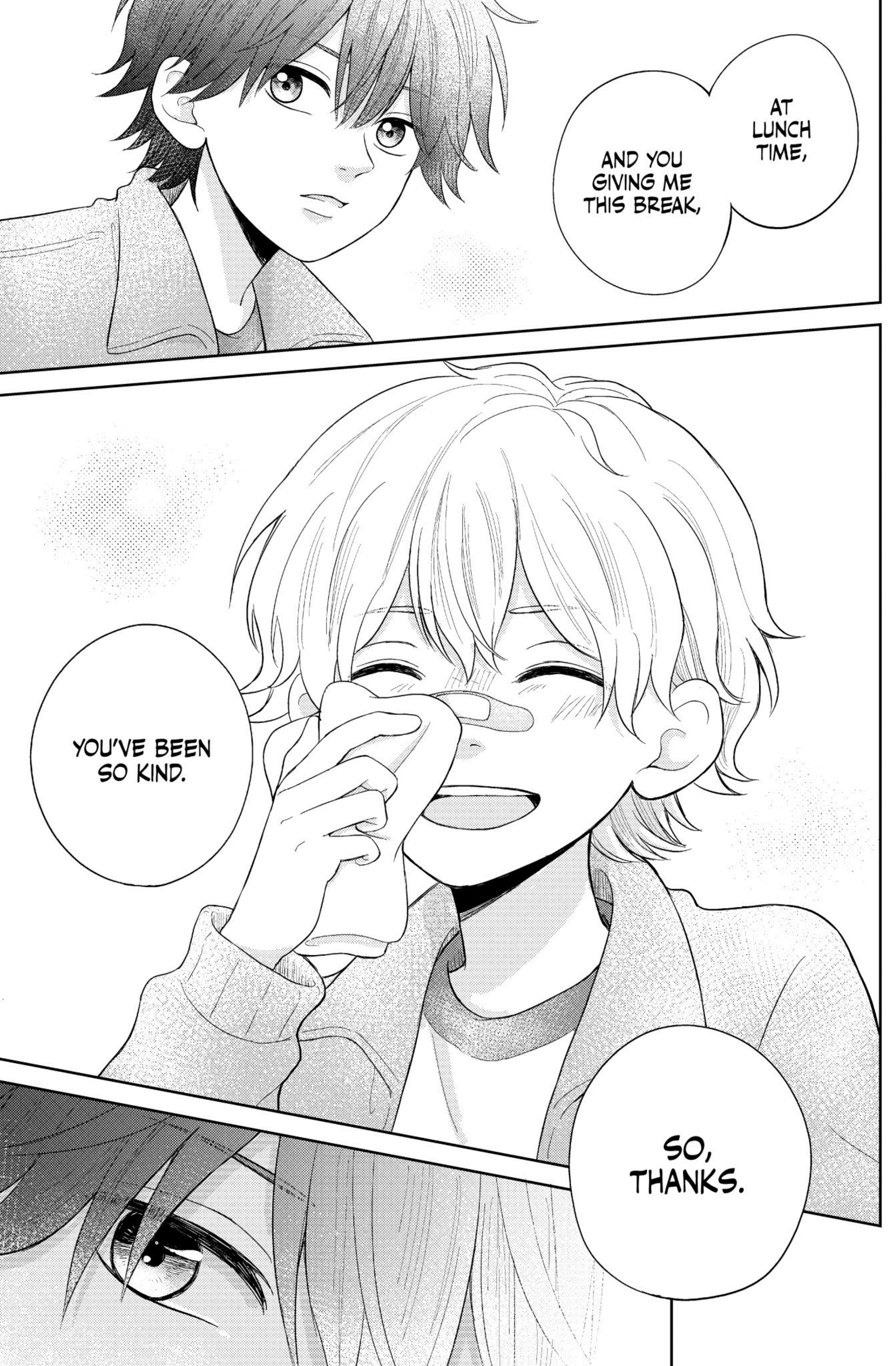

YOU'RE INJURED.
UH...
SO YOU SHOULD STAY UNTIL CLASS IS OVER.
LOOK, YOUR NOSE IS STILL BLEEDING.
OOZE...
OH...
YOU HAVE TO REST UP, SEE?
JUST HOLD ON. STAY STILL.
Wipe
UGH...
I'M SHORRY.
nasel voice
YOU CAN'T LOOK UP. JUST SIT DOWN, OKAY?
OKAY.
WHAT IS THIS?
SHE'S BEING SO NICE, I'M ACTUALLY CRYING.
Pool
I GUESS THE OTHERS ARE ALWAYS MESSING WITH ME.

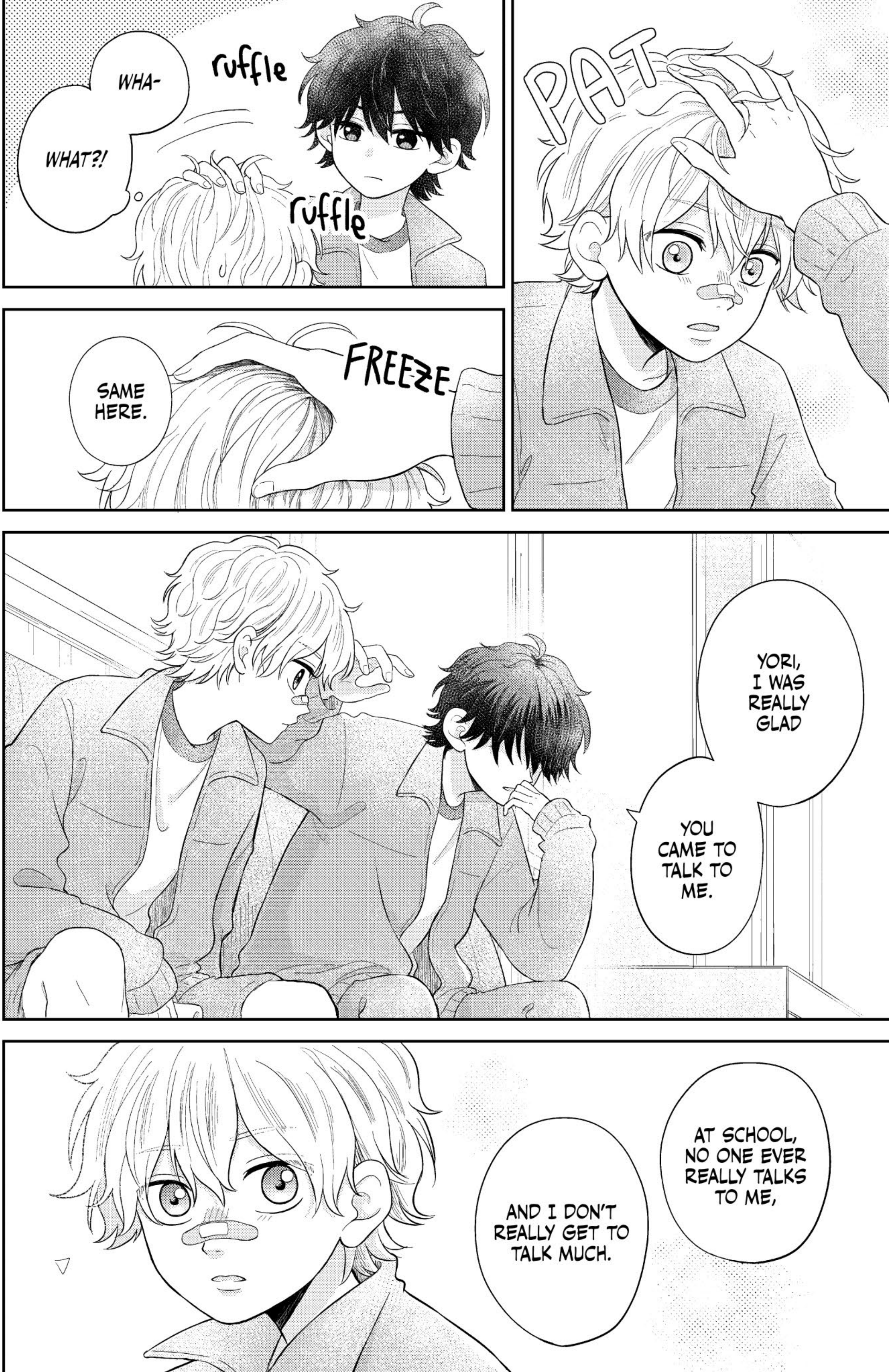

"BEST BEWARE, USAMI."
EVEN IF SHE ACTS KIND, SHE'S STILL A WOLF.
"IF YOU'RE NOT TOO CAREFUL, SHE'LL EAT YOU UP."
...
A WOLF? PLEASE.
THE WAY I SEE IT...
"SO UN-COOL!"
"DID YOU SEE THAT?"
"ISN'T IT AWFUL!"
THE WAY I REALLY, TRULY SEE IT...
"YORI?"
I'D RATHER BE WITH THE WOLF.

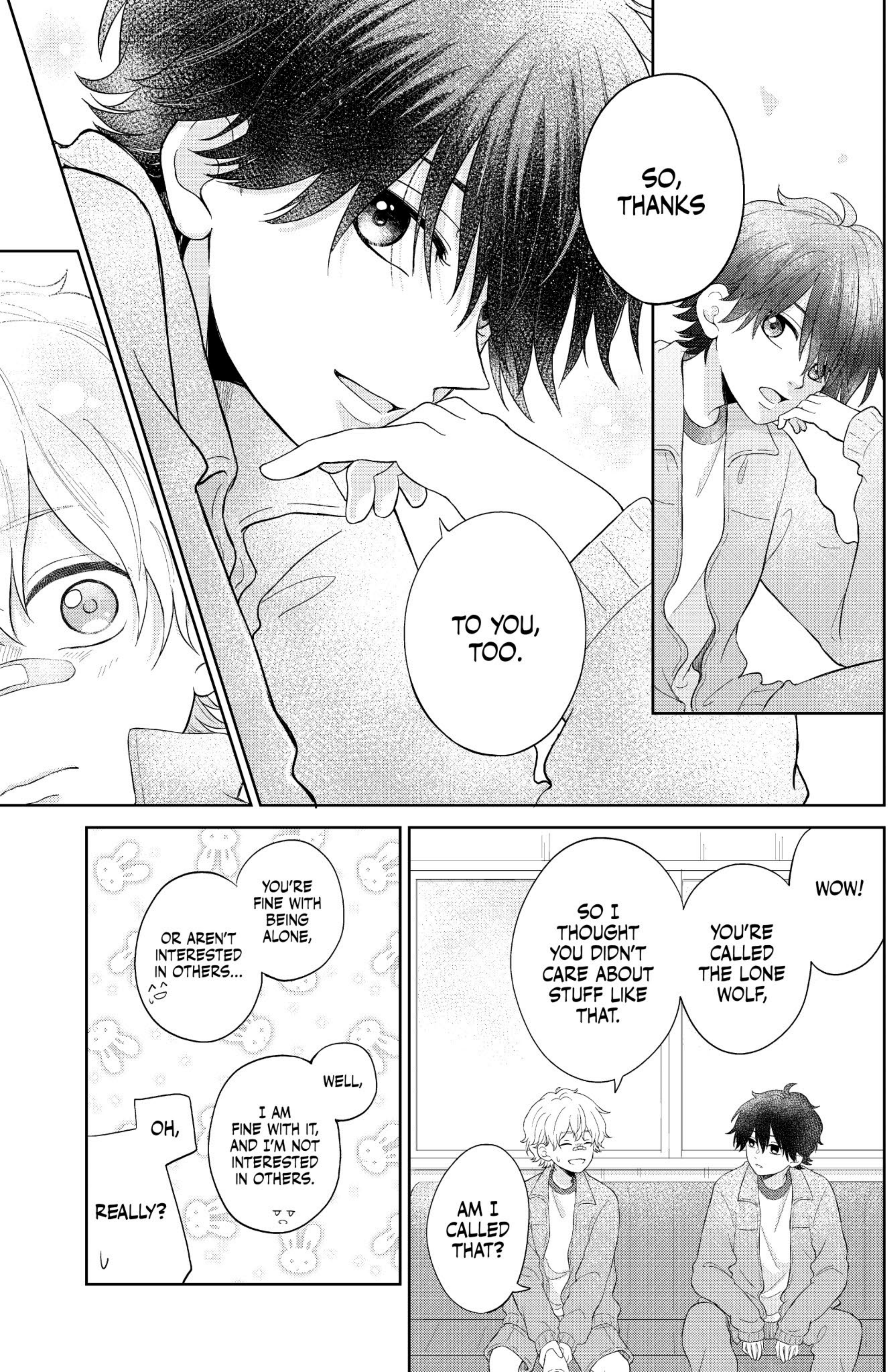

IT'S OHGAMI.
WHA...?
...
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME.
D-DID I JUST SAY THAT OUT LOUD?!
S-SORRY! IT'S NOT-!
THAT WAS...
panic
panic
drop
ANYWAY,
I SAID MAHIRO IS FINE, RIGHT?

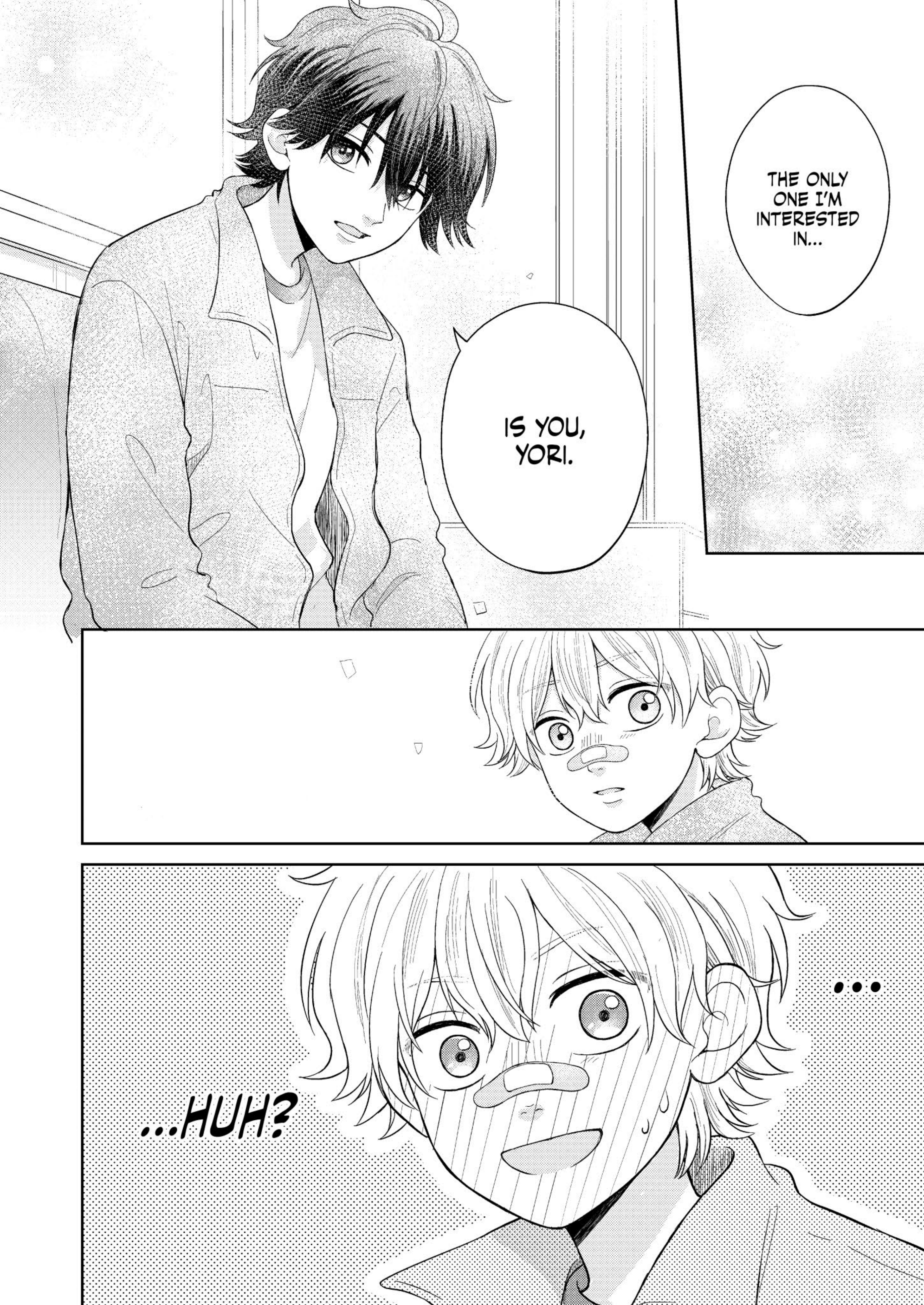

YOU DON'T WANT TO CALL ME THAT?
AH...
MAHIRO.
HMM?
I KNOW I JUST SAID IT,
BUT REALLY, THANKS.

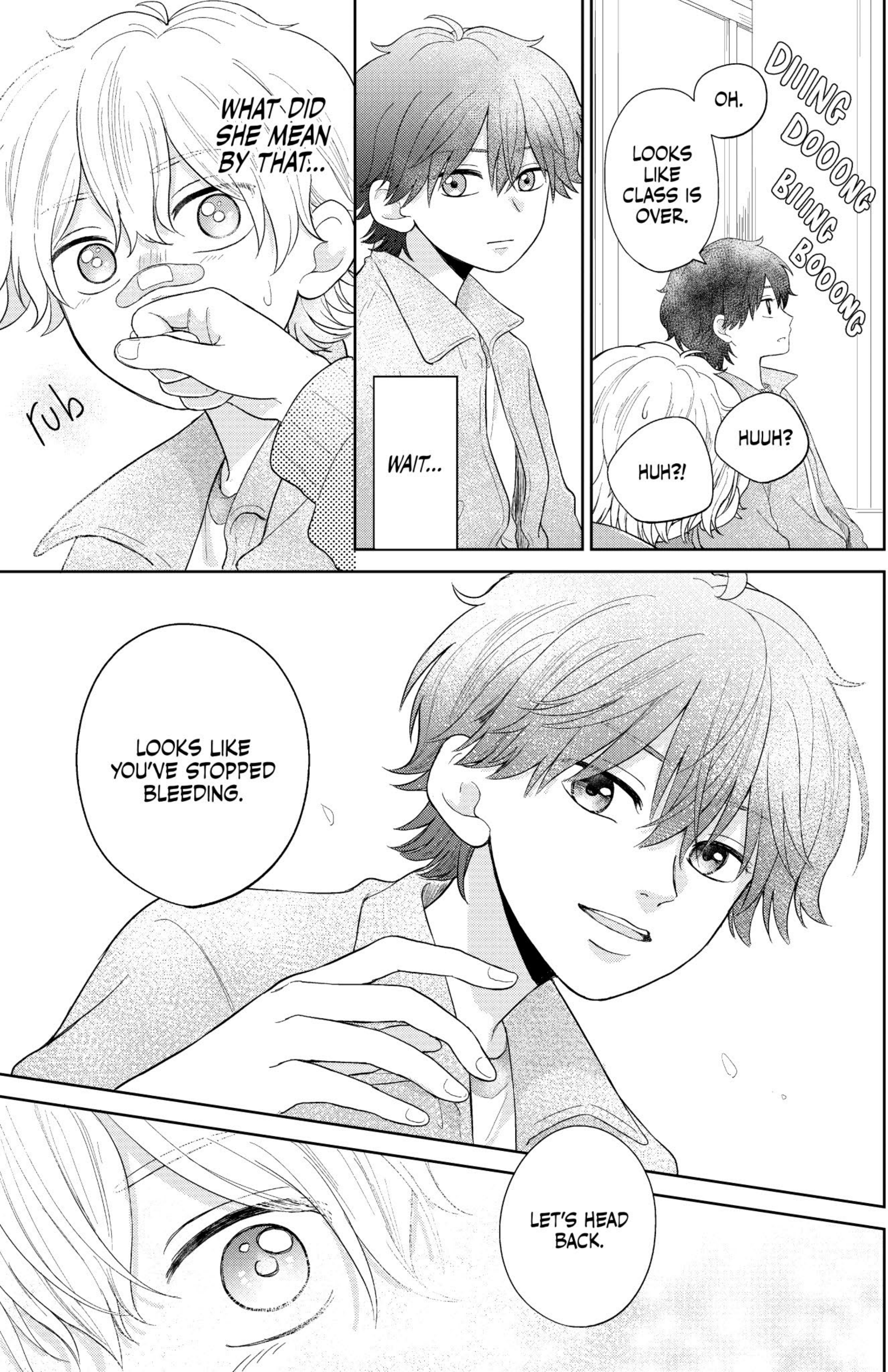

Y'KNOW,
I HAD TURNED INTO THE BUTT OF THE JOKES AMONG MY FRIENDS.
I KNOW IT'S NOT LIKE THEY DON'T LIKE ME OR ANYTHING,
I ALWAYS PLAY IT COOL AND I'M OKAY WITH IT.
BUT HONESTLY...
THERE ARE TIMES WHERE IT'S HARD TO...
...
BUT THANKS TO YOU, MAHIRO,
TODAY WAS TOTALLY FINE.

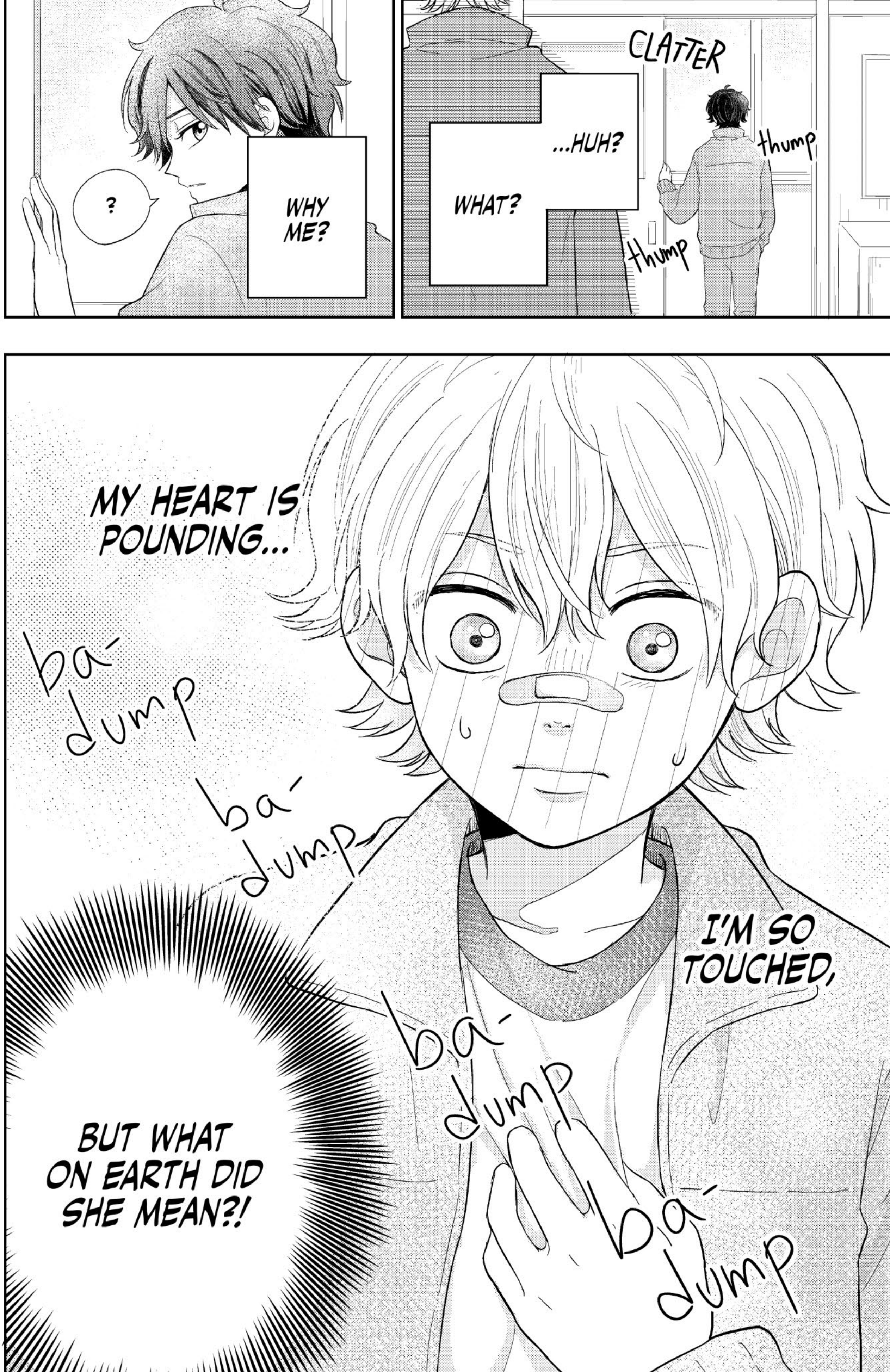

AT LUNCH TIME,
AND YOU GIVING ME THIS BREAK,
YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND.
SO, THANKS.

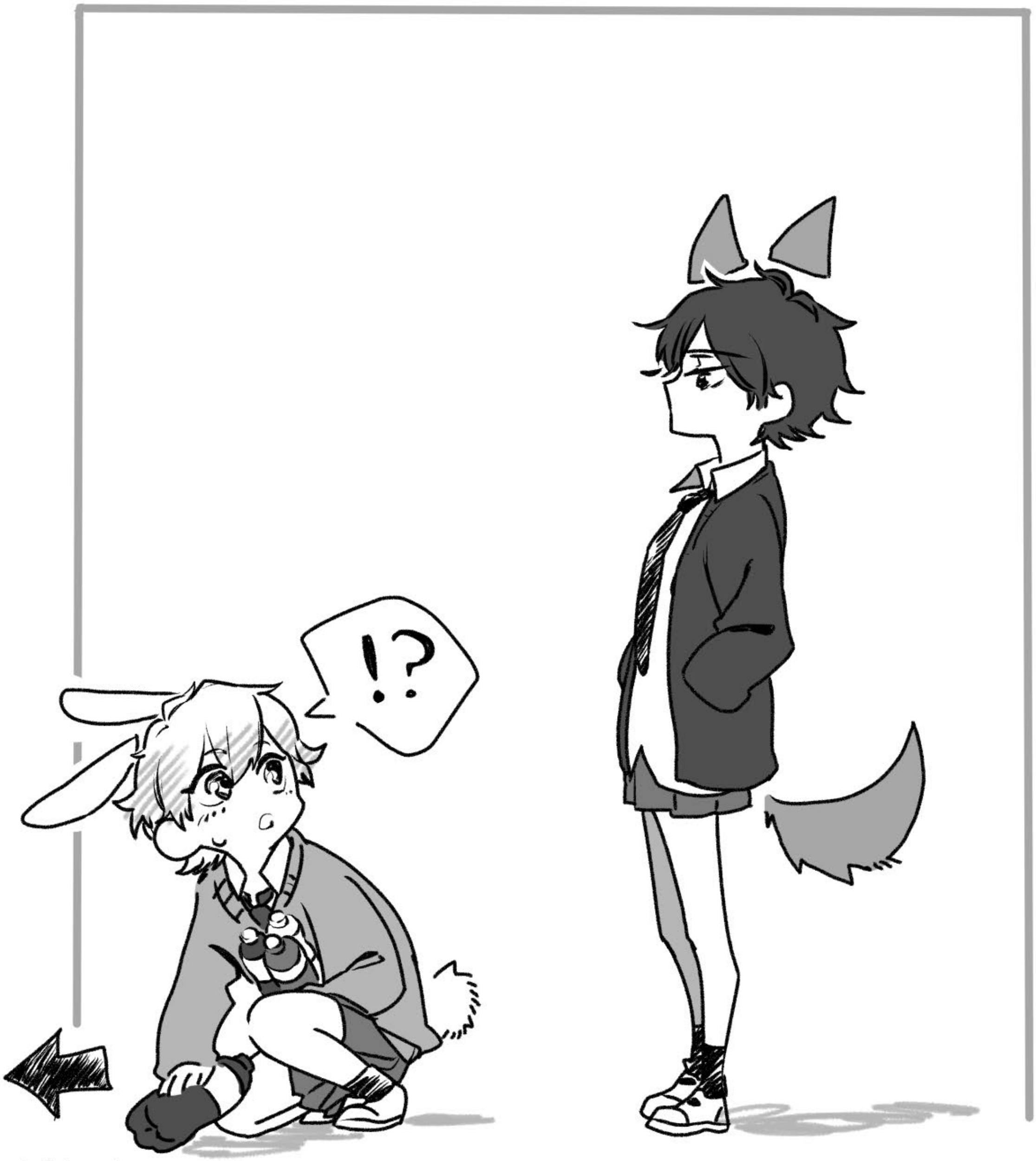

PAT
WHA-
WHAT?!
ruffle
ruffle
SAME HERE.
FREEZE
YORI, I WAS REALLY GLAD
YOU CAME TO TALK TO ME.
AT SCHOOL, NO ONE EVER REALLY TALKS TO ME,
AND I DON'T REALLY GET TO TALK MUCH.


SO, THANKS
TO YOU, TOO.
WOW!
YOU'RE CALLED THE LONE WOLF,
SO I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT.
AM I CALLED THAT?
YOU'RE FINE WITH BEING ALONE,
OR AREN'T INTERESTED IN OTHERS...
WELL,
I AM FINE WITH IT, AND I'M NOT INTERESTED IN OTHERS.
OH,
REALLY?


THE ONLY ONE I'M INTERESTED IN...
IS YOU, YORI.
...
...HUH?

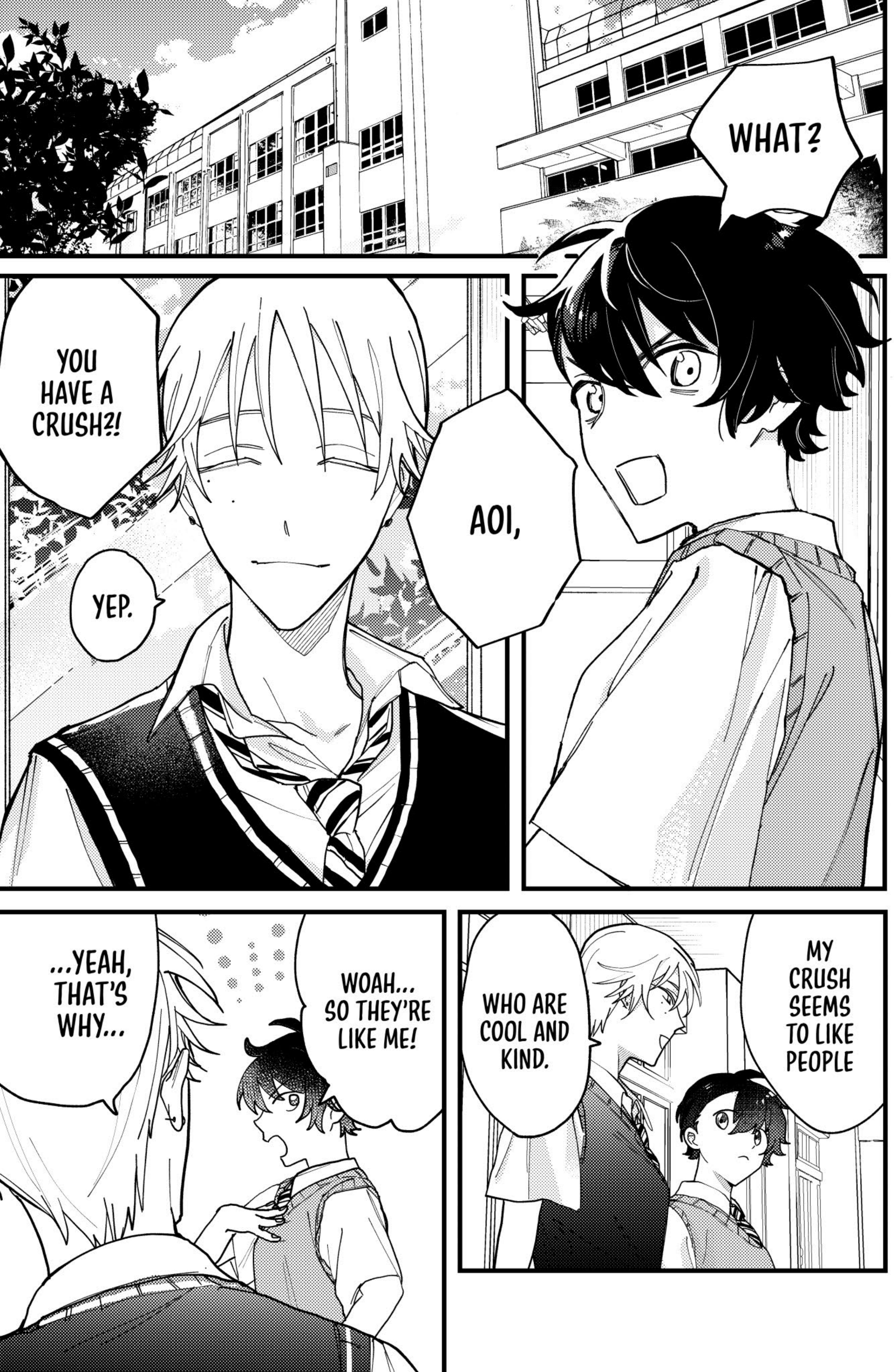

DIIING DOOOONG BIIING BOOOONG
OH.
LOOKS LIKE CLASS IS OVER.
HUUH?
HUH?!
WAIT...
WHAT DID SHE MEAN BY THAT...
rub
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE STOPPED BLEEDING.
LET'S HEAD BACK.

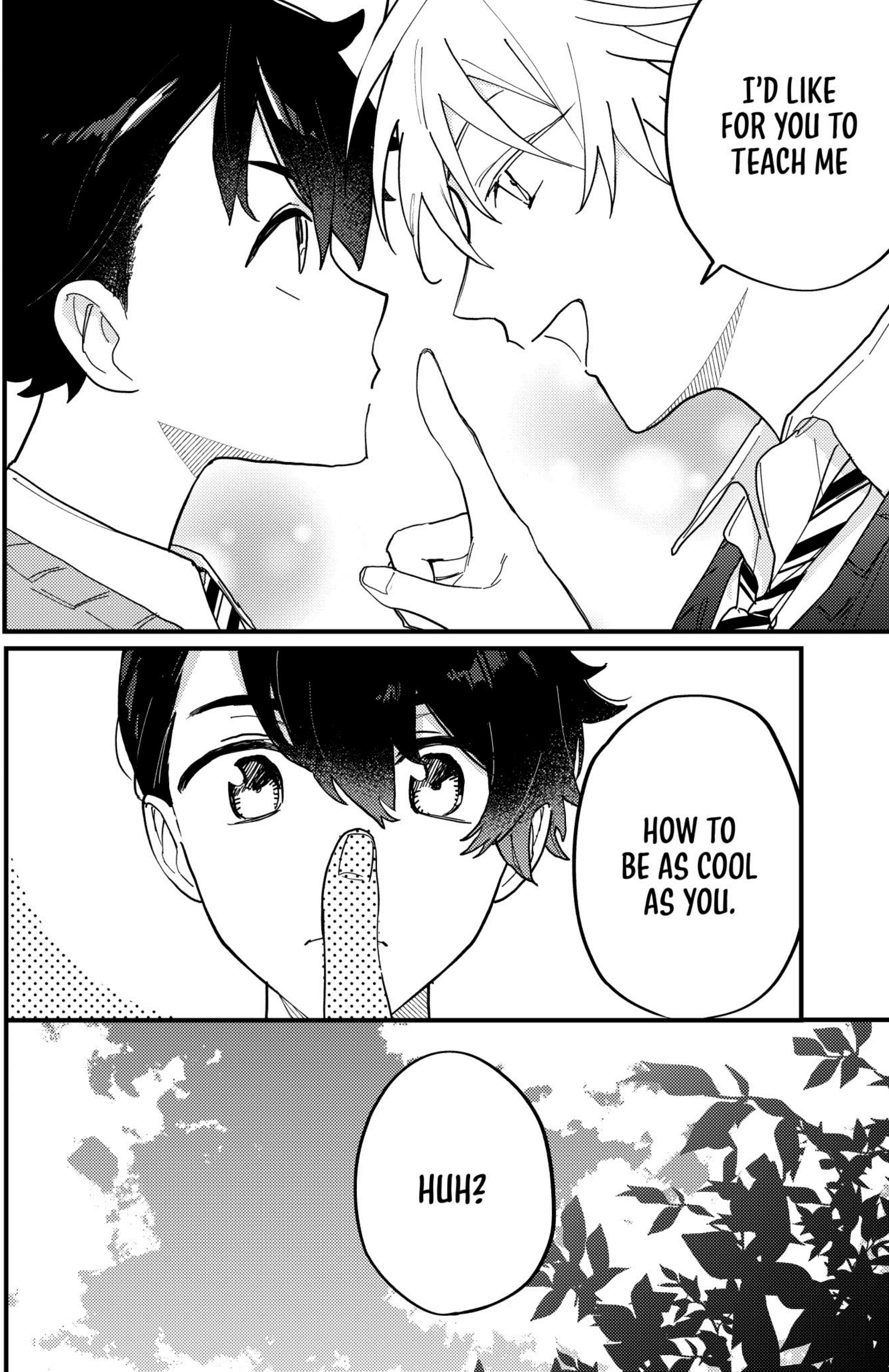

CLATTER
thump
thump
...HUH?
WHAT?
?
WHY ME?
MY HEART IS POUNDING...
ba-dump
ba-dump
I'M SO TOUCHED,
BUT WHAT ON EARTH DID SHE MEAN?!
ba-dump
ba-dump



NEXT...

NEXT...!
Baton passing
...!

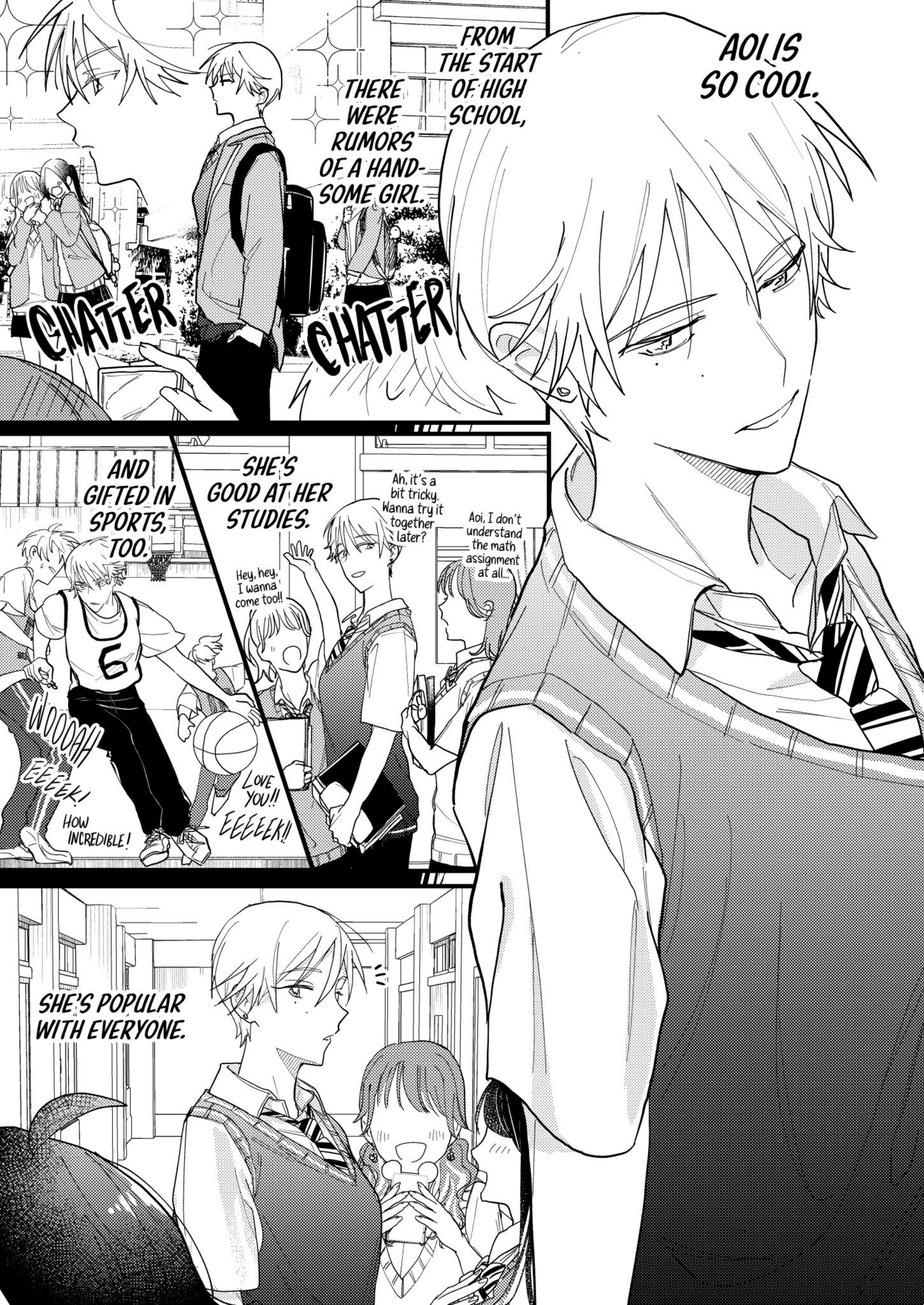

WHAT?
AOI,
YOU HAVE A CRUSH?!
YEP.
MY CRUSH SEEMS TO LIKE PEOPLE
WHO ARE COOL AND KIND.
WOAH... SO THEY'RE LIKE ME!
...YEAH, THAT'S WHY...

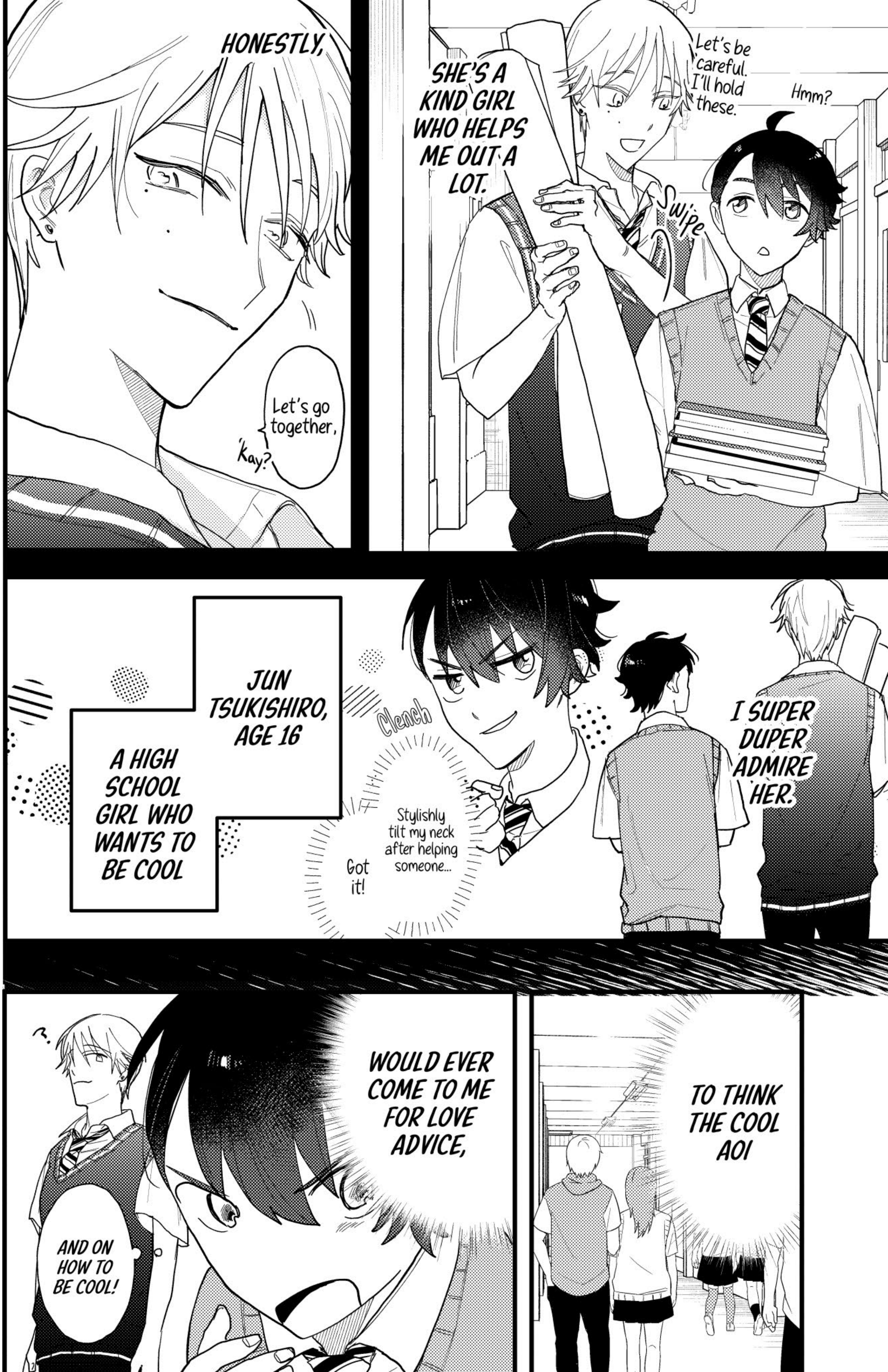

I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO TEACH ME
HOW TO BE AS COOL AS YOU.
HUH?

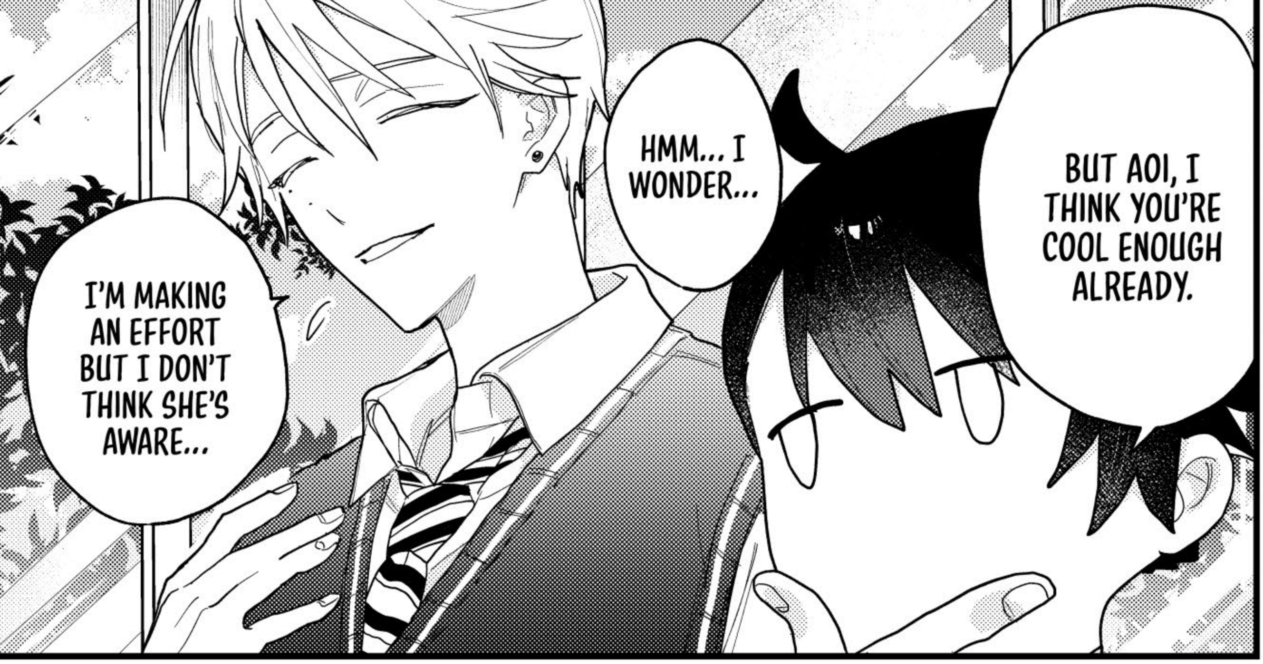
CAN'T CATCH YOU OFF GUARD WITH LOVE.

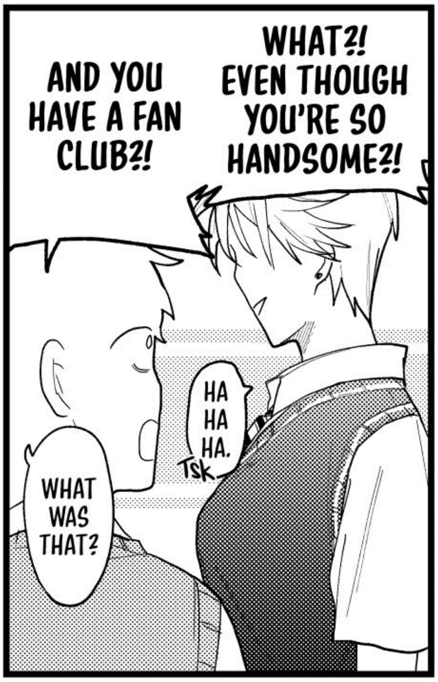
Mirin

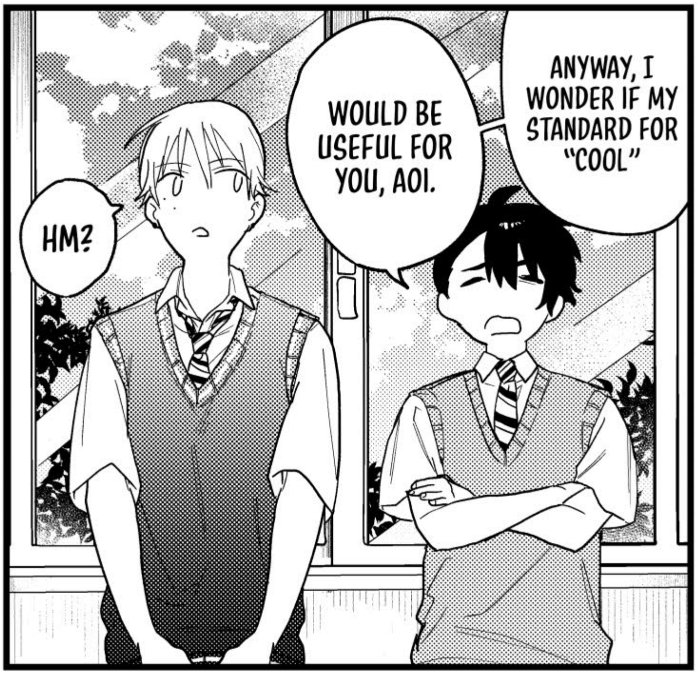
It's starting!

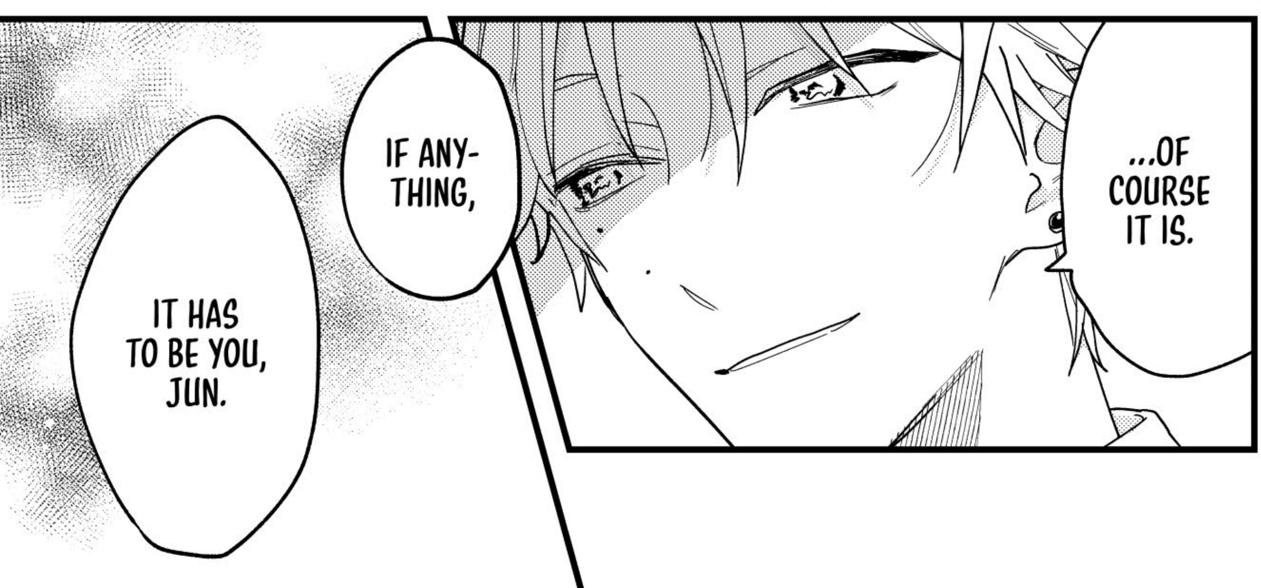

AOI IS SO COOL.
FROM THE START OF HIGH SCHOOL,
THERE WERE RUMORS OF A HANDSOME GIRL.
CHATTER
CHATTER
SHE'S GOOD AT HER STUDIES.
Aoi, I don't understand the math assignment at all...
Ah, it's a bit tricky. Wanna try it together later?
Hey, hey, I wanna come too!!
LOVE YOU!! EEEEEK!!
AND GIFTED IN SPORTS, TOO.
WOOOAH EEEEK!
HOW INCREDIBLE!
SHE'S POPULAR WITH EVERYONE.

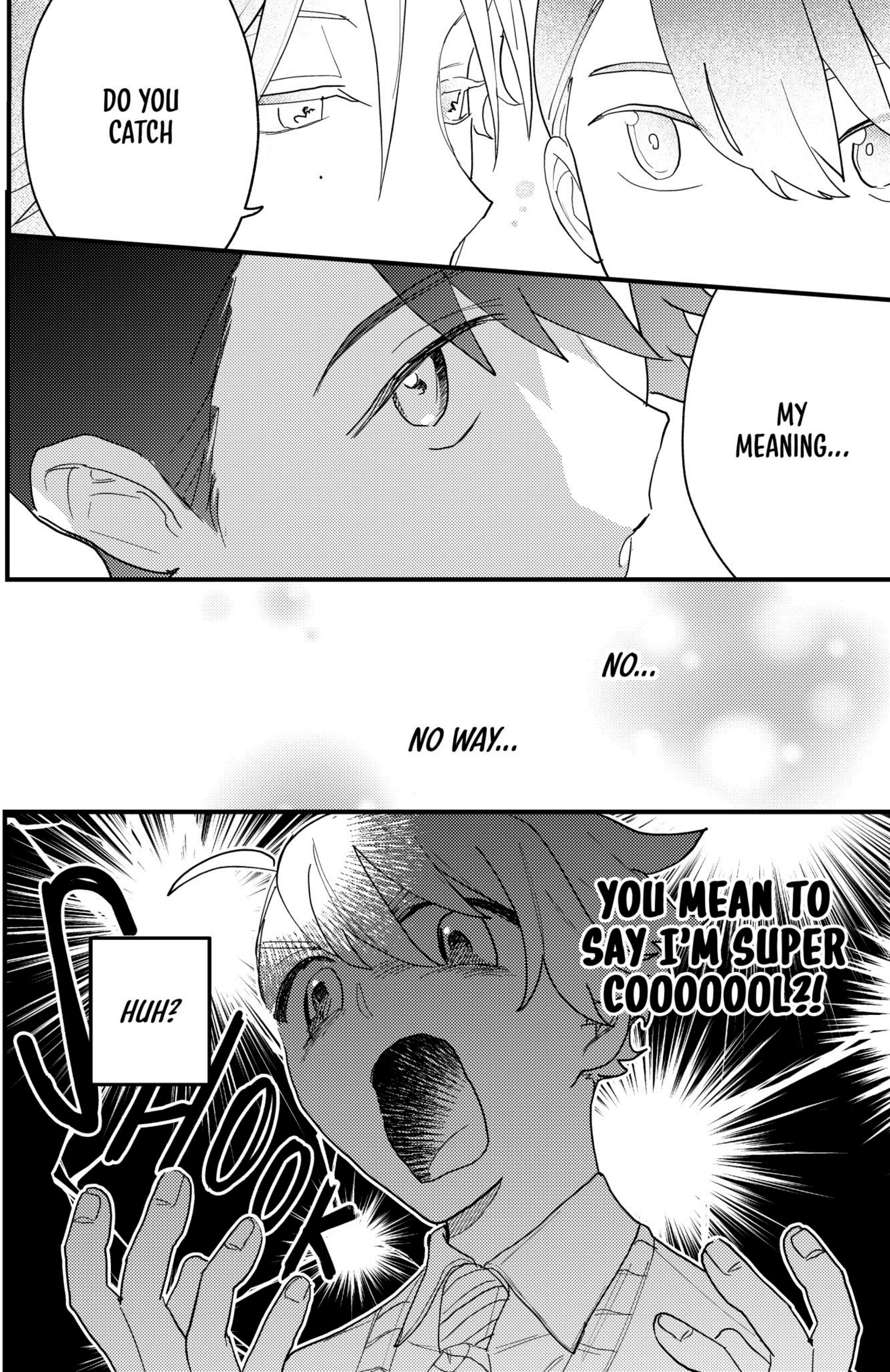

Let's be careful. I'll hold these.
Hmm?
Swipe
SHE'S A KIND GIRL WHO HELPS ME OUT A LOT.
HONESTLY,
Let's go together, 'kay?
I SUPER DUPER ADMIRE HER.
Clench
Stylishly tilt my neck after helping someone...
Got it!
JUN TSUKISHIRO, AGE 16
A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WHO WANTS TO BE COOL
TO THINK THE COOL AOI
WOULD EVER COME TO ME FOR LOVE ADVICE,
?
AND ON HOW TO BE COOL!

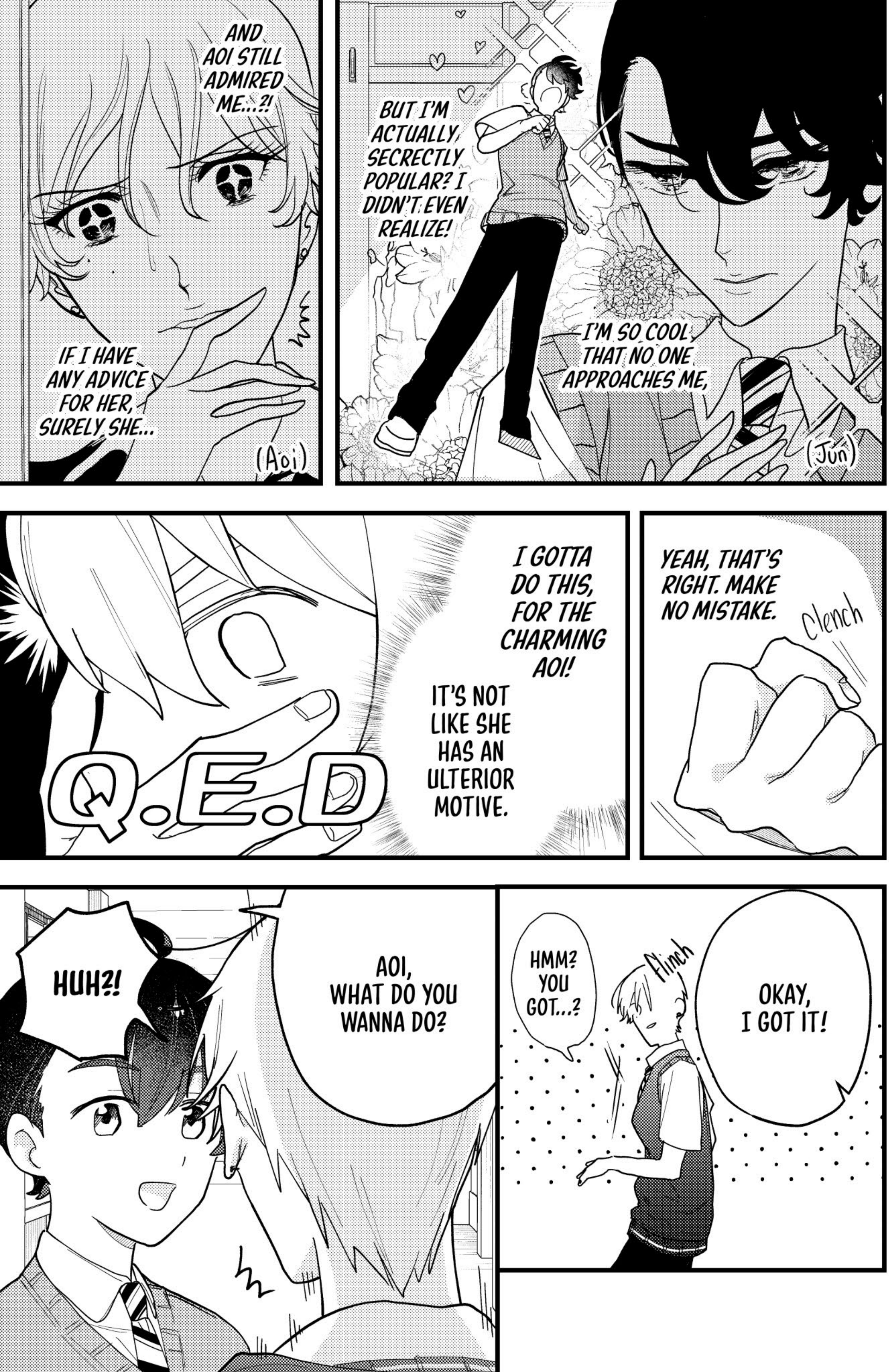

BUT AOI, I THINK YOU'RE COOL ENOUGH ALREADY.
HMM... I WONDER...
I'M MAKING AN EFFORT BUT I DON'T THINK SHE'S AWARE...

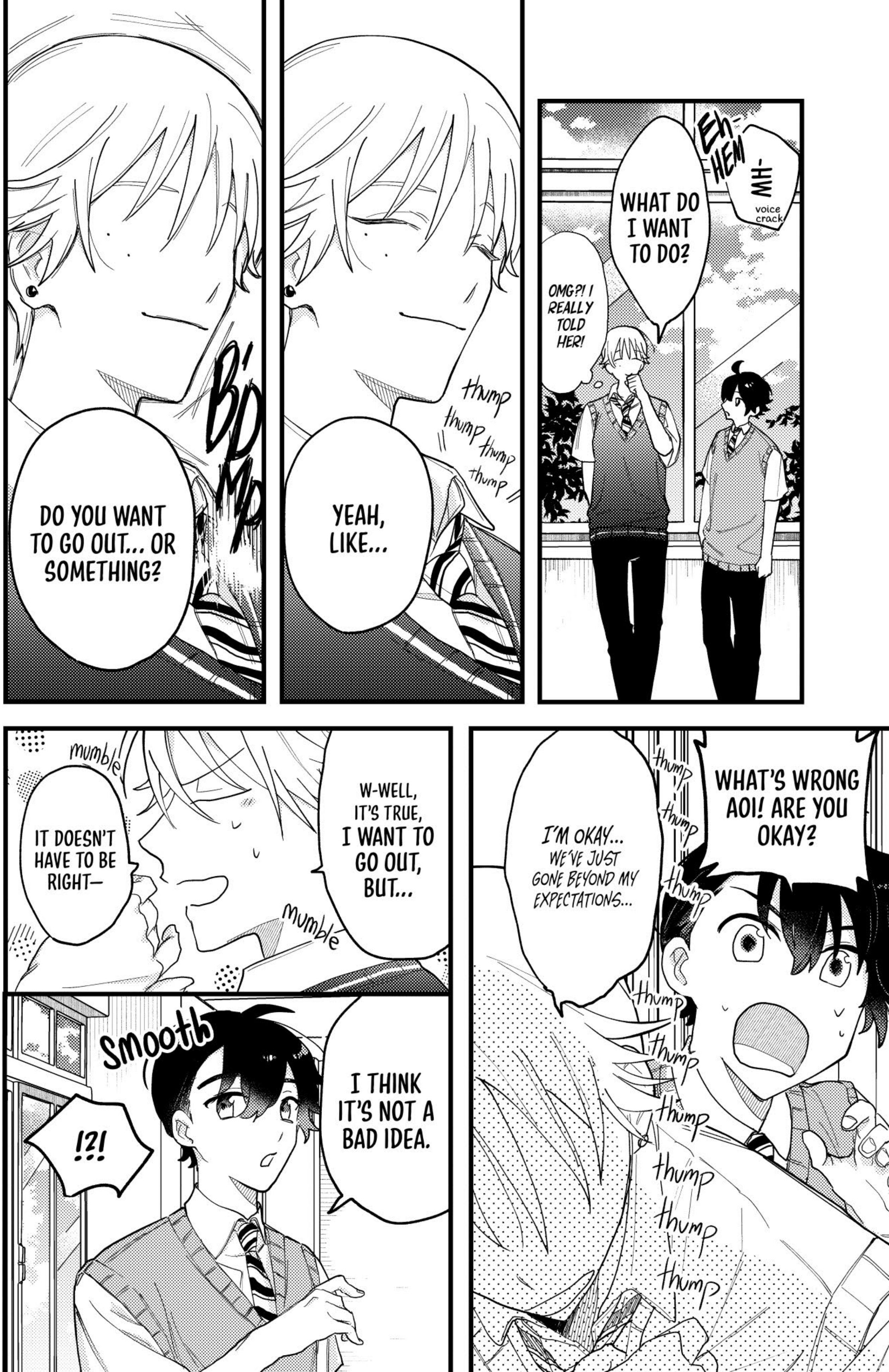

WHAT?! EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SO HANDSOME?!
AND YOU HAVE A FAN CLUB?!
HA HA HA.
Tsk.
WHAT WAS THAT?

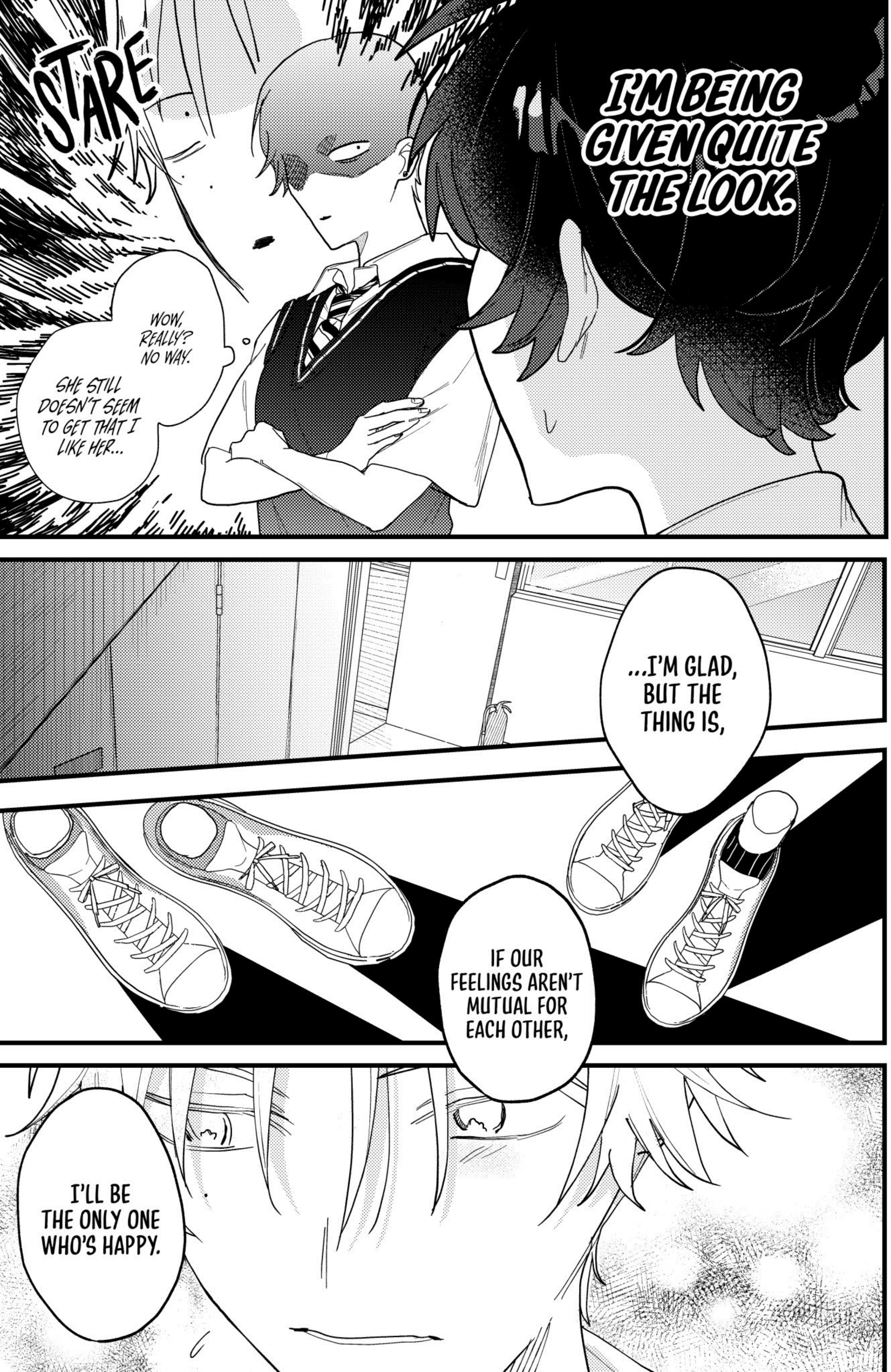

ANYWAY, I WONDER IF MY STANDARD FOR "COOL"
WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU, AOI.
HM?

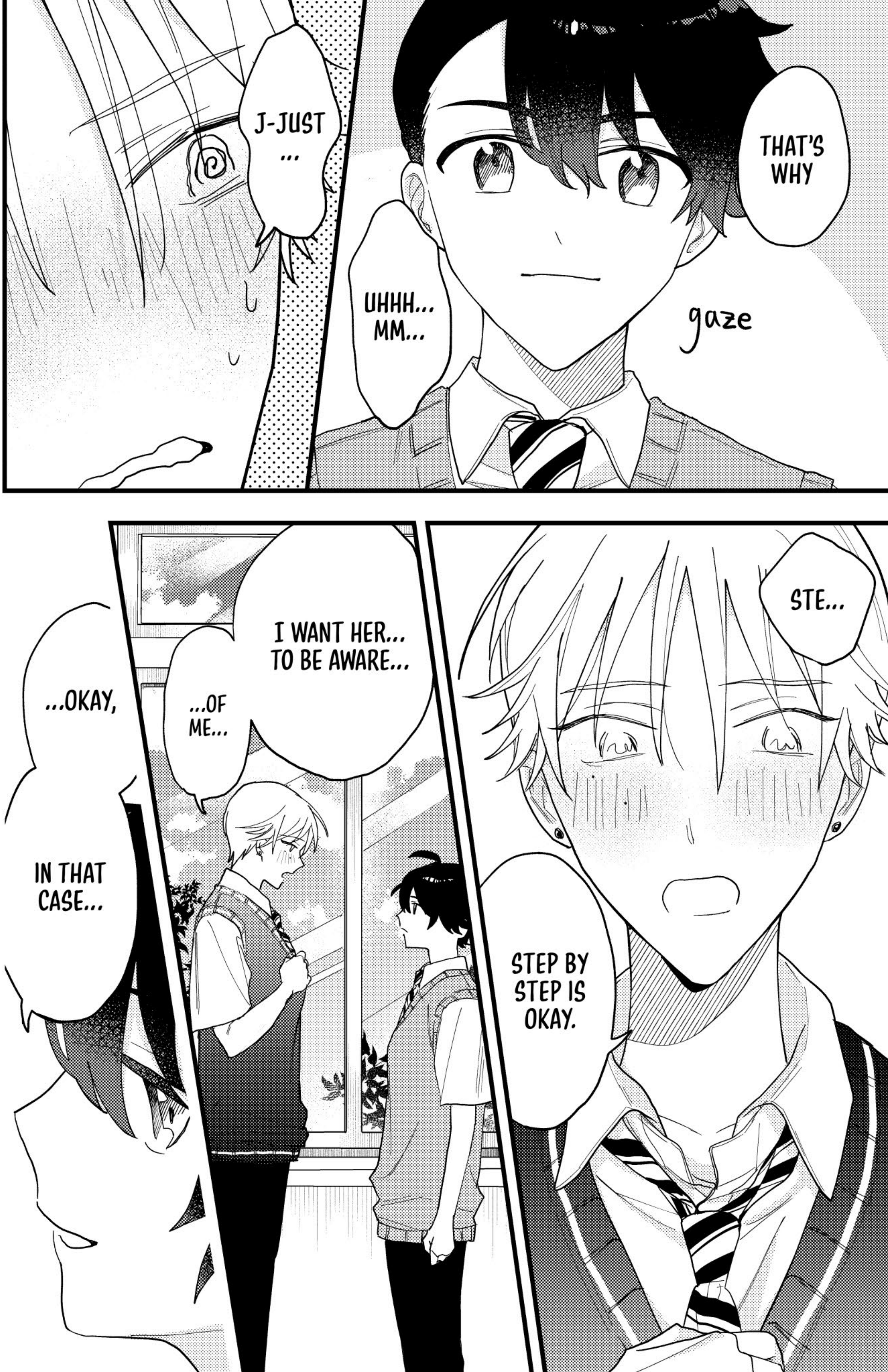

...OF COURSE IT IS.
IF ANYTHING,
IT HAS TO BE YOU, JUN.

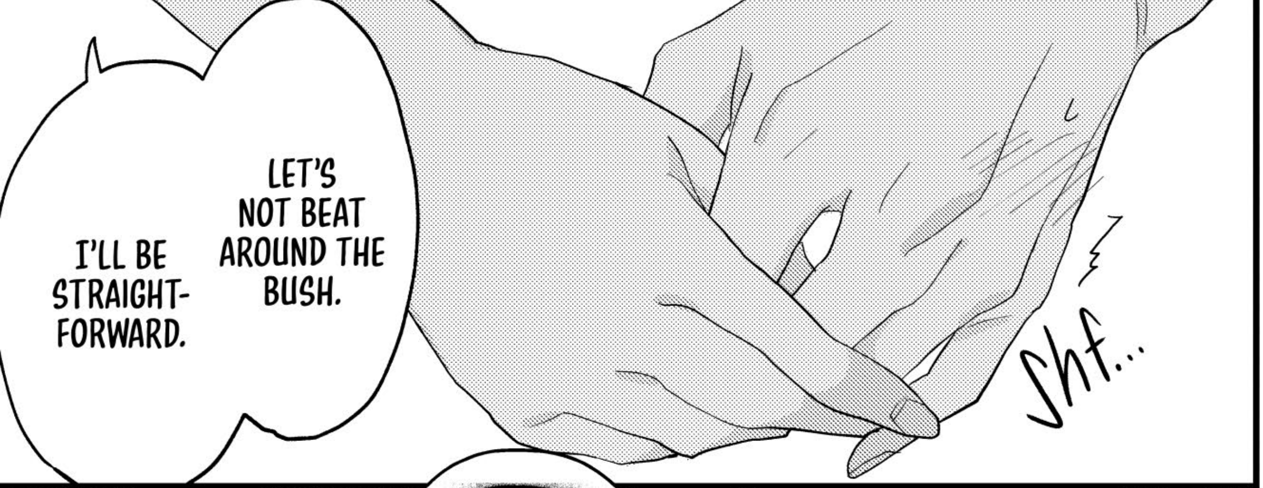

DO YOU CATCH
MY MEANING...
NO...
NO WAY...
YOU MEAN TO SAY I'M SUPER COOOOOOL?!
HUH?
SHOOK

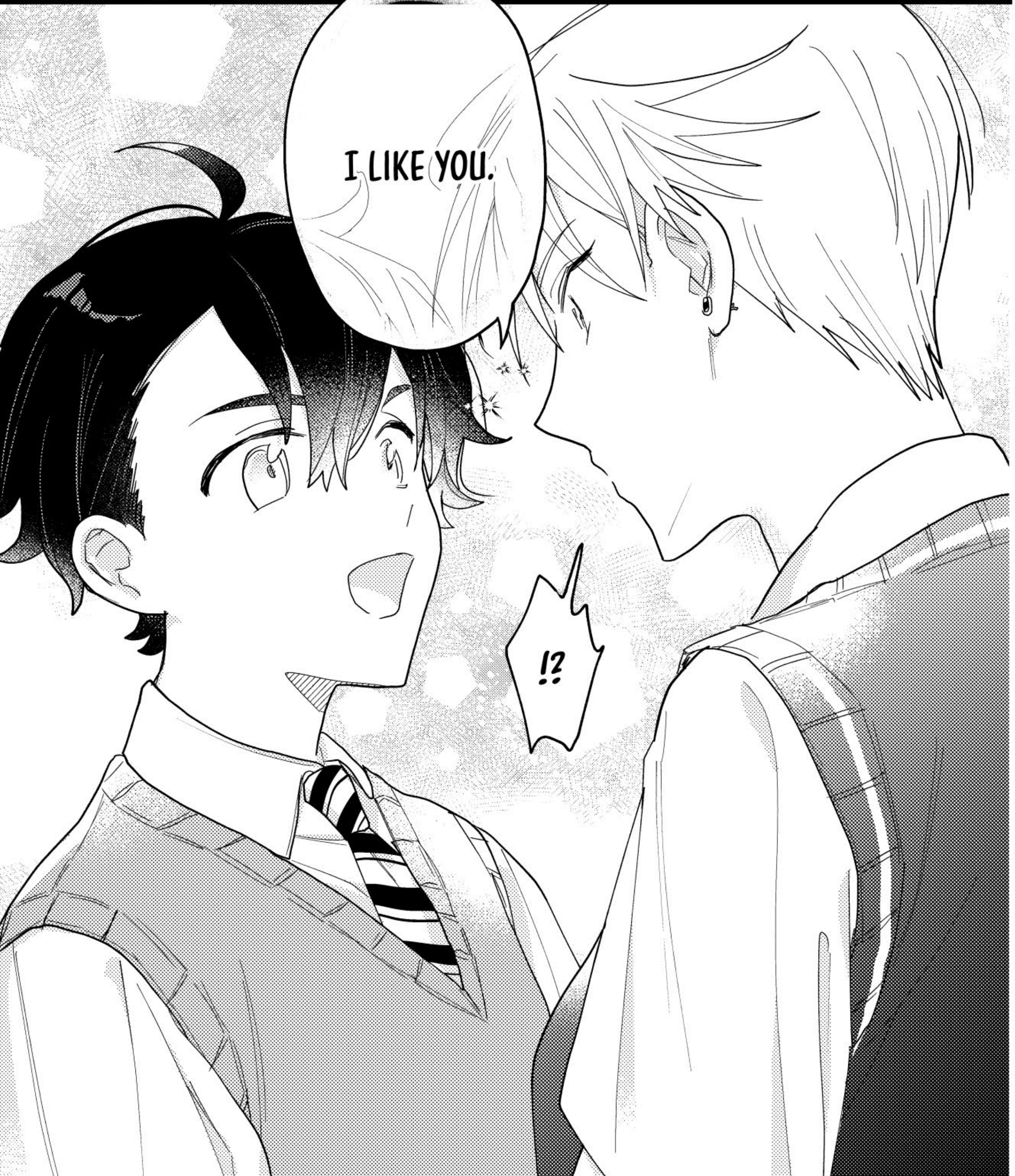

I'M SO COOL THAT NO ONE APPROACHES ME,
BUT I'M ACTUALLY SECRECTLY POPULAR? I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE!
(Jun)
AND AOI STILL ADMIRED ME...?!
IF I HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR HER, SURELY SHE...
(Aoi)
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT. MAKE NO MISTAKE.
Clench
I GOTTA DO THIS, FOR THE CHARMING AOI!
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE HAS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE.
Q.E.D
OKAY, I GOT IT!
Flinch
HMM? YOU GOT...?
AOI, WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?
HUH?!

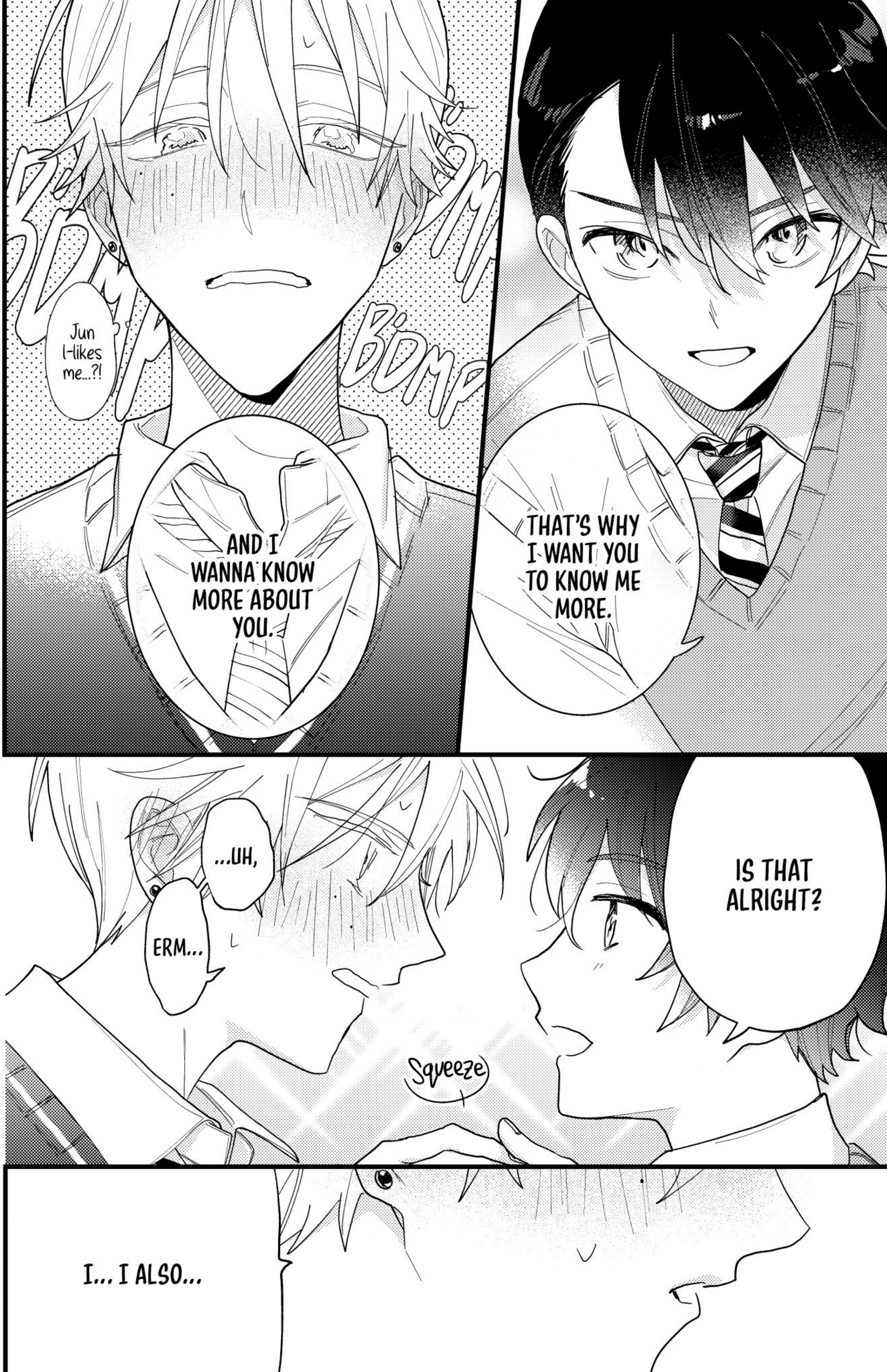

Eh- HEM
MH-
voice crack
WHAT DO I WANT TO DO?
OMG?! I REALLY TOLD HER!
thump thump thump thump
YEAH, LIKE...
B'DMP
DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT... OR SOMETHING?
WHAT'S WRONG AOI! ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M OKAY... WE'VE JUST GONE BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS...
thump thump thump thump thump thump thump thump thump
W-WELL, IT'S TRUE, I WANT TO GO OUT, BUT...
mumble
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE RIGHT—
mumble
I THINK IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA.
Smooth
!?!

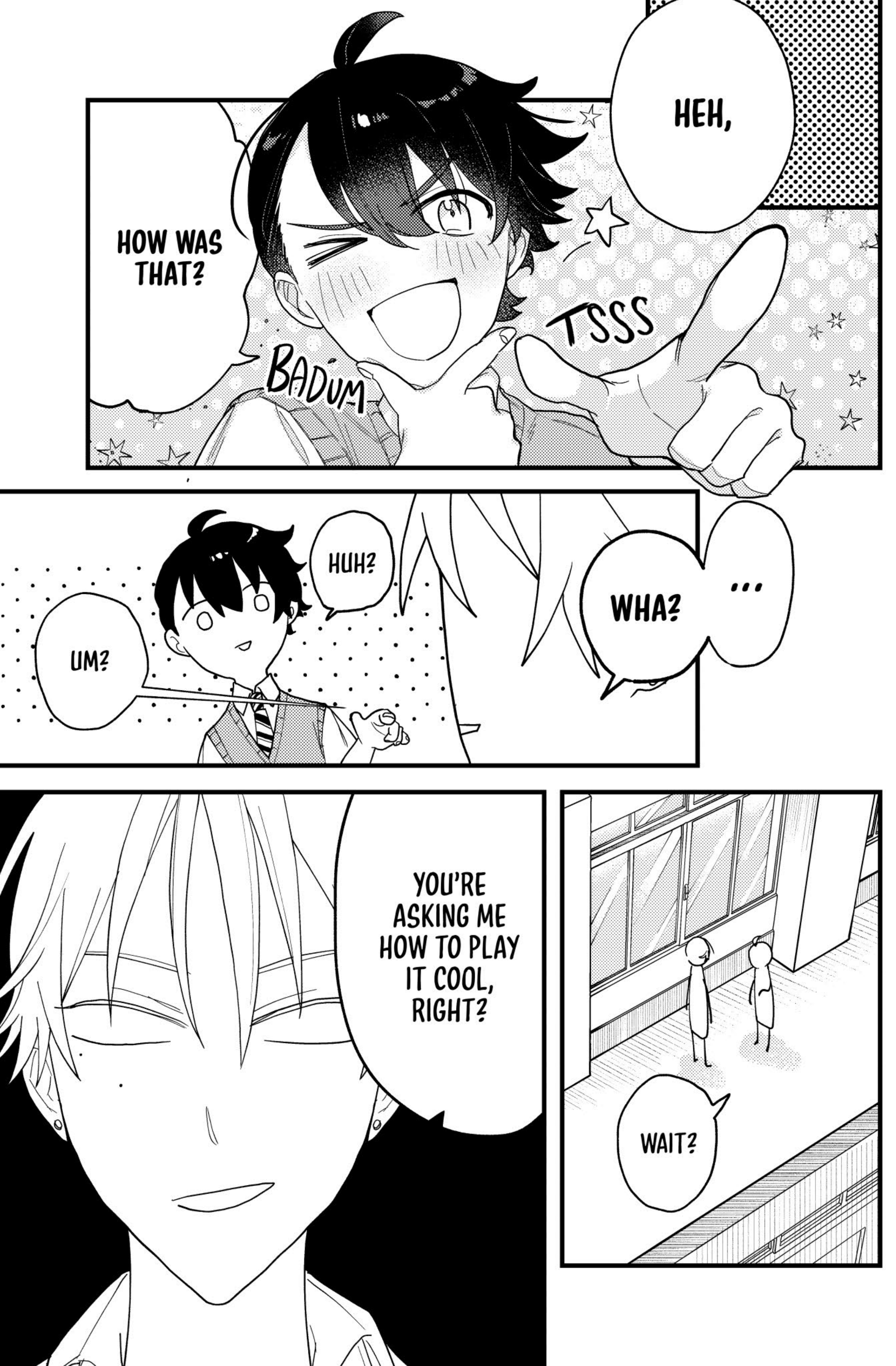

I'M BEING GIVEN QUITE THE LOOK.
STARE
WOW, REALLY? NO WAY.
SHE STILL DOESN'T SEEM TO GET THAT I LIKE HER...
...I'M GLAD, BUT THE THING IS,
IF OUR FEELINGS AREN'T MUTUAL FOR EACH OTHER,
I'LL BE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S HAPPY.

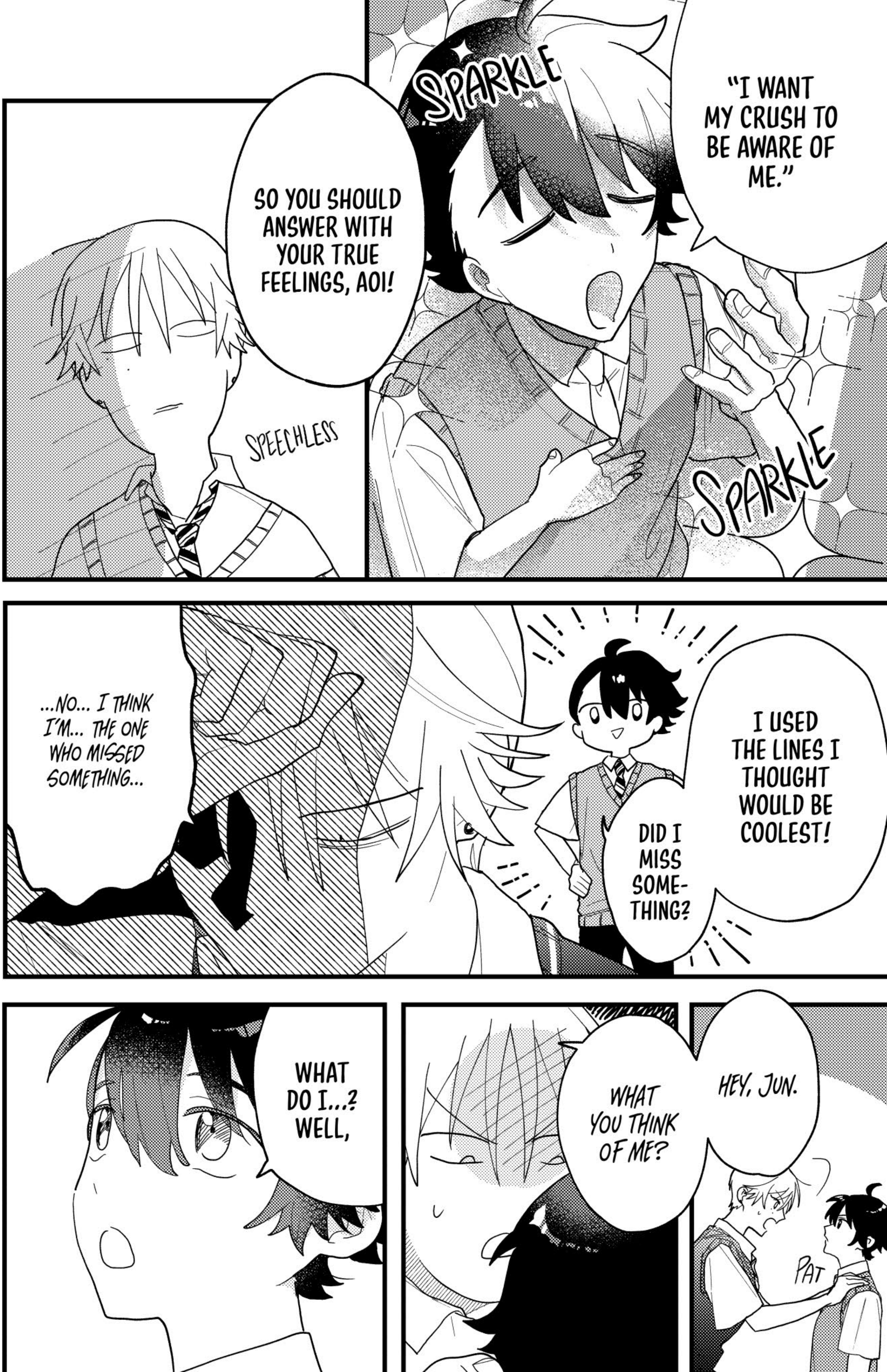

THAT'S WHY
UHHH... MM...
gaze
J-JUST ...
STE...
STEP BY STEP IS OKAY.
I WANT HER... TO BE AWARE...
...OF ME...
...OKAY,
IN THAT CASE...

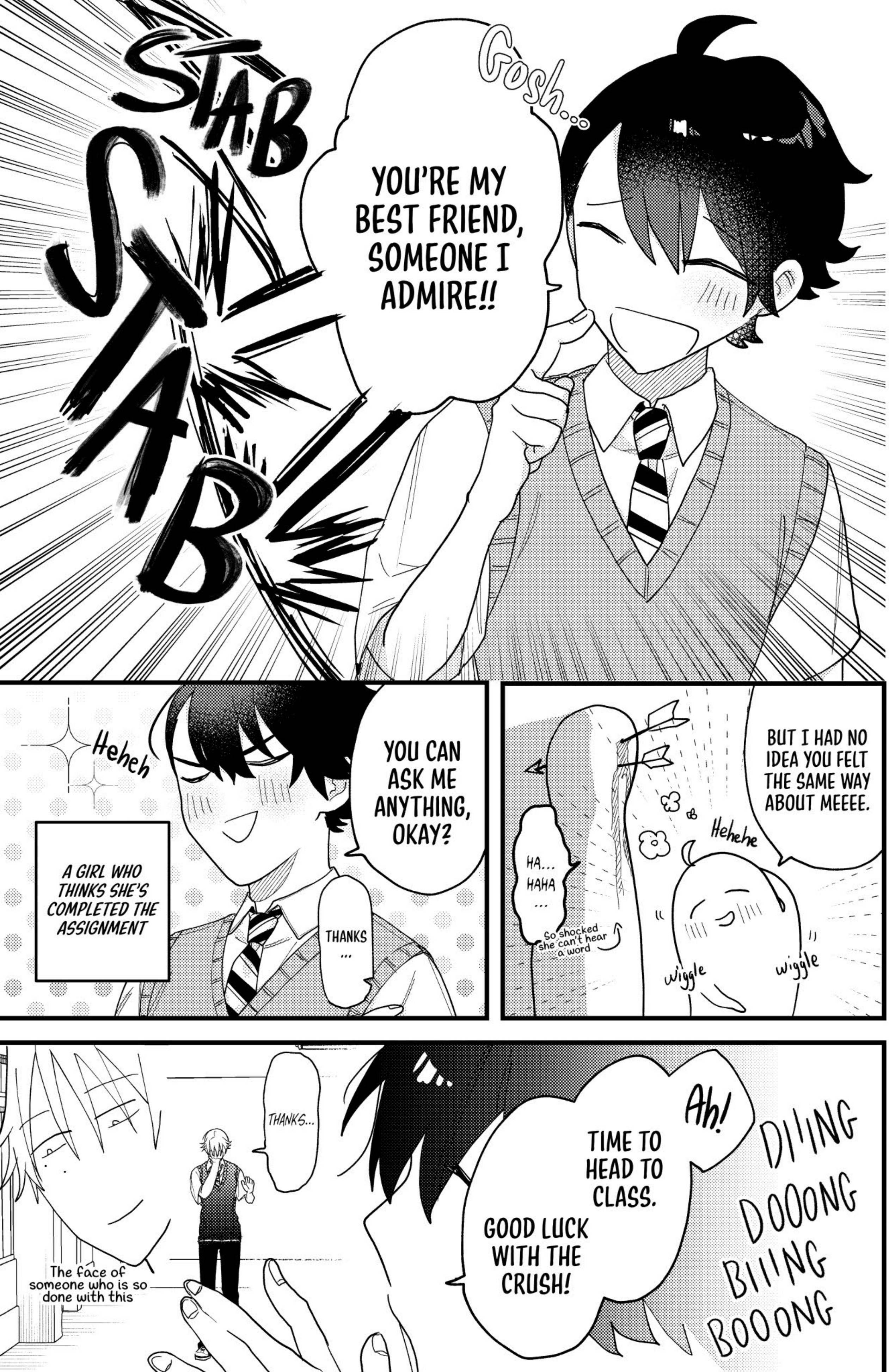

Shf...
LET'S NOT BEAT AROUND THE BUSH.
I'LL BE STRAIGHT-FORWARD.

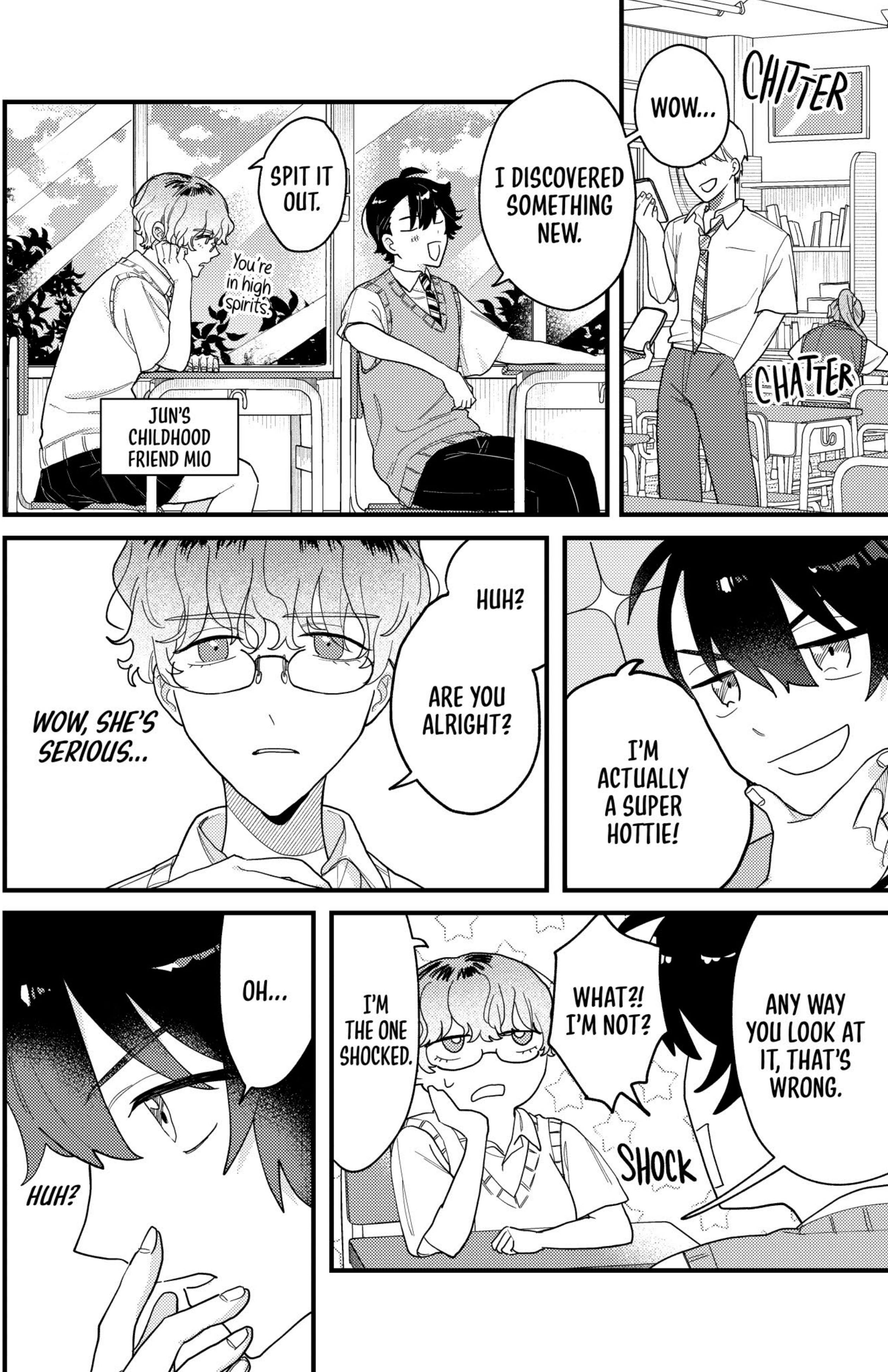

I LIKE YOU.
!?

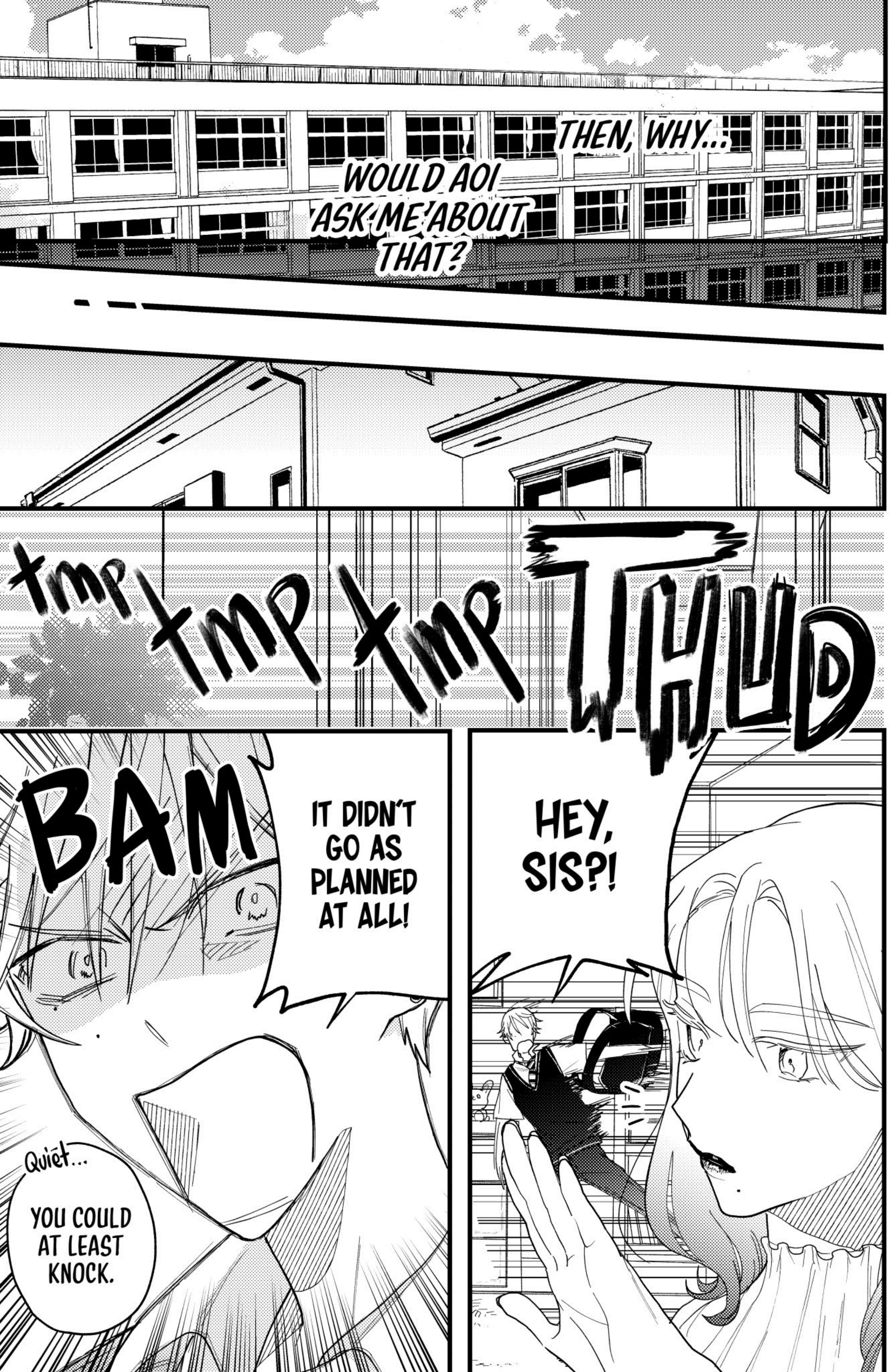

THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO KNOW ME MORE.
AND I WANNA KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU.
BOMP
BOMP
BOMP
Jun l-likes me...?!
IS THAT ALRIGHT?
...UH,
ERM...
Squeeze
I... I ALSO...


HEH,
HOW WAS THAT?
TSSS
BADUM
...
WHA?
HUH?
UM?
WAIT?
YOU'RE ASKING ME HOW TO PLAY IT COOL, RIGHT?


"I WANT MY CRUSH TO BE AWARE OF ME."
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SO YOU SHOULD ANSWER WITH YOUR TRUE FEELINGS, AOI!
SPEECHLESS
I USED THE LINES I THOUGHT WOULD BE COOLEST!
DID I MISS SOMETHING?
...NO... I THINK I'M... THE ONE WHO MISSED SOMETHING...
HEY, JUN.
PAT
WHAT YOU THINK OF ME?
WHAT DO I...? WELL,


Gosh...
YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND, SOMEONE I ADMIRE!!
STAB STAB STAB
BUT I HAD NO IDEA YOU FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT MEEEE.
Hehehe
wiggle wiggle
HA... HAHA ...
So shocked she can't hear a word
YOU CAN ASK ME ANYTHING, OKAY?
Heheh
THANKS ...
A GIRL WHO THINKS SHE'S COMPLETED THE ASSIGNMENT
DIIING DOOONG BIIING BOOONG
Ah!
TIME TO HEAD TO CLASS.
GOOD LUCK WITH THE CRUSH!
THANKS...
The face of someone who is so done with this


WOW...
CHITTER
CHATTER
I DISCOVERED SOMETHING NEW.
SPIT IT OUT.
You're in high spirits.
JUN'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND MIO
I'M ACTUALLY A SUPER HOTTIE!
HUH?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WOW, SHE'S SERIOUS...
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, THAT'S WRONG.
WHAT?! I'M NOT?
SHOCK
I'M THE ONE SHOCKED.
OH...
HUH?


THEN, WHY...
WOULD AOI ASK ME ABOUT THAT?
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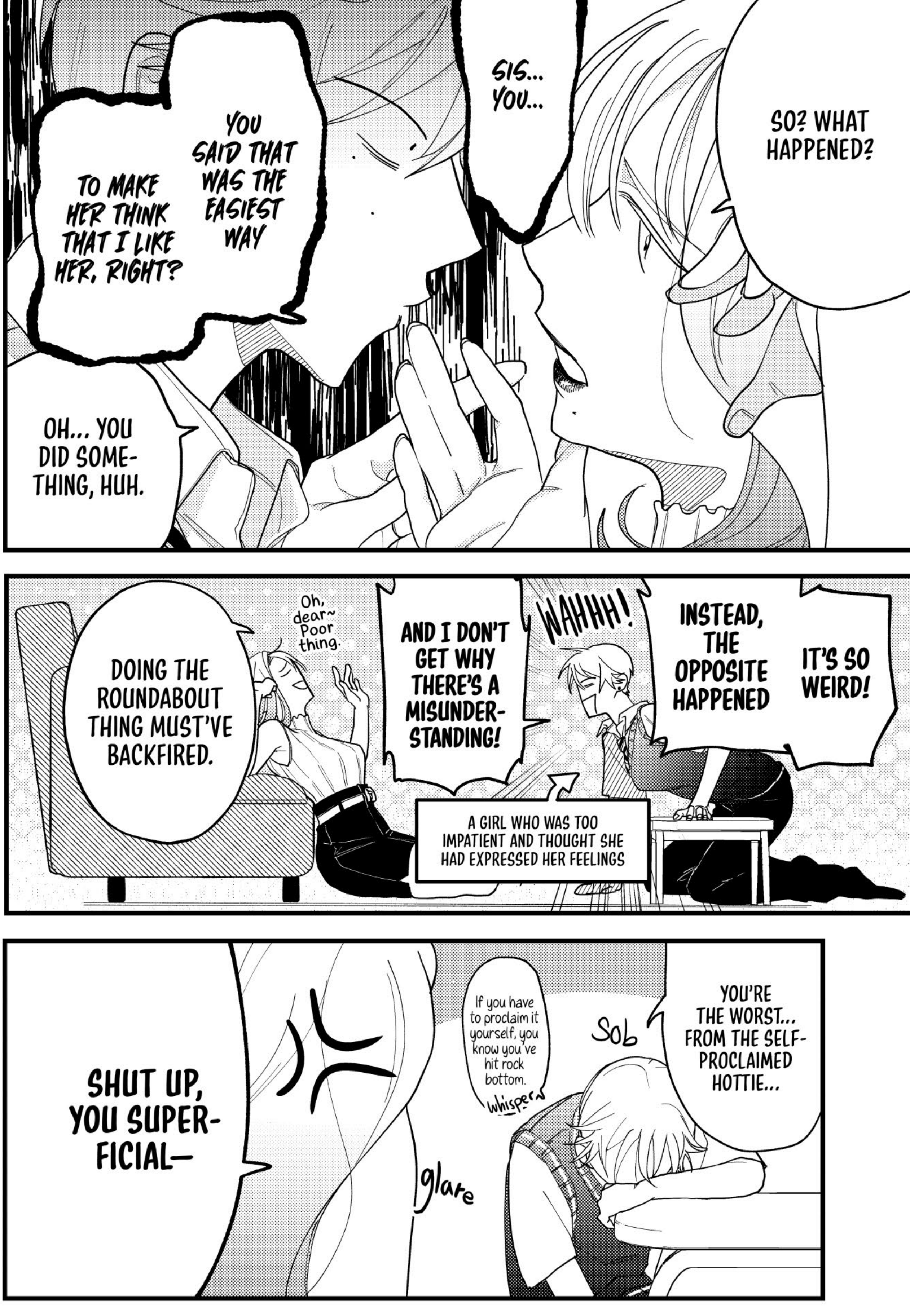
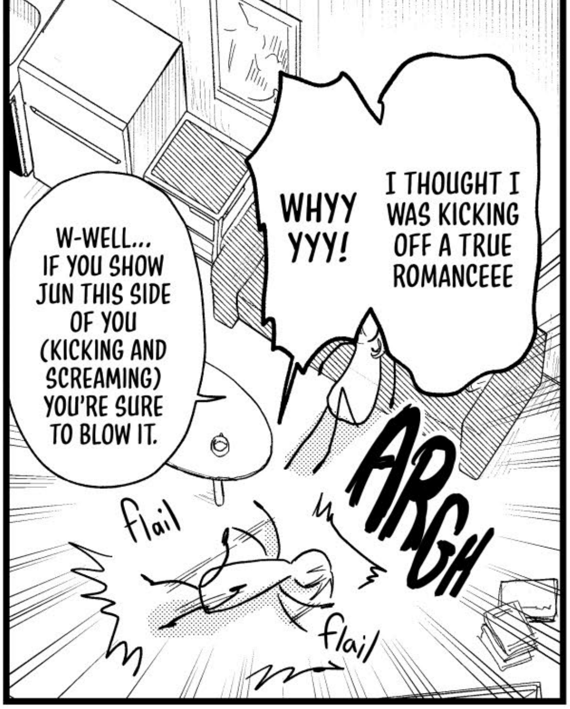
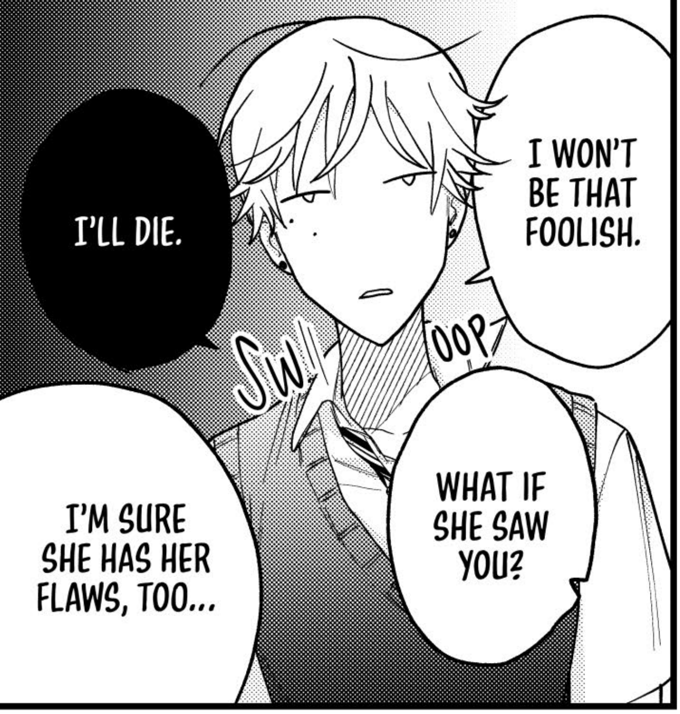
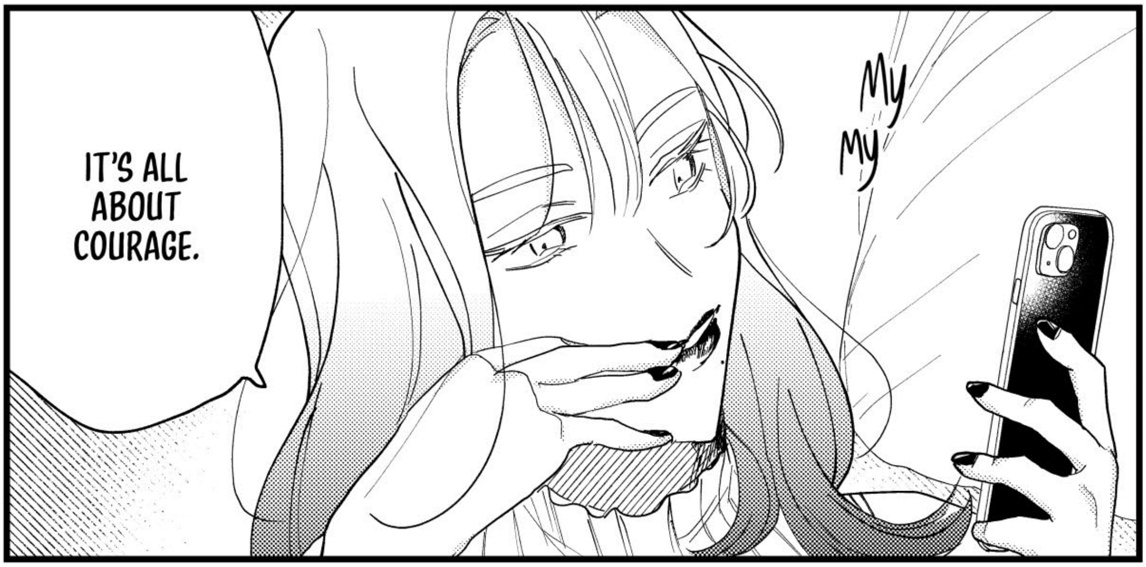
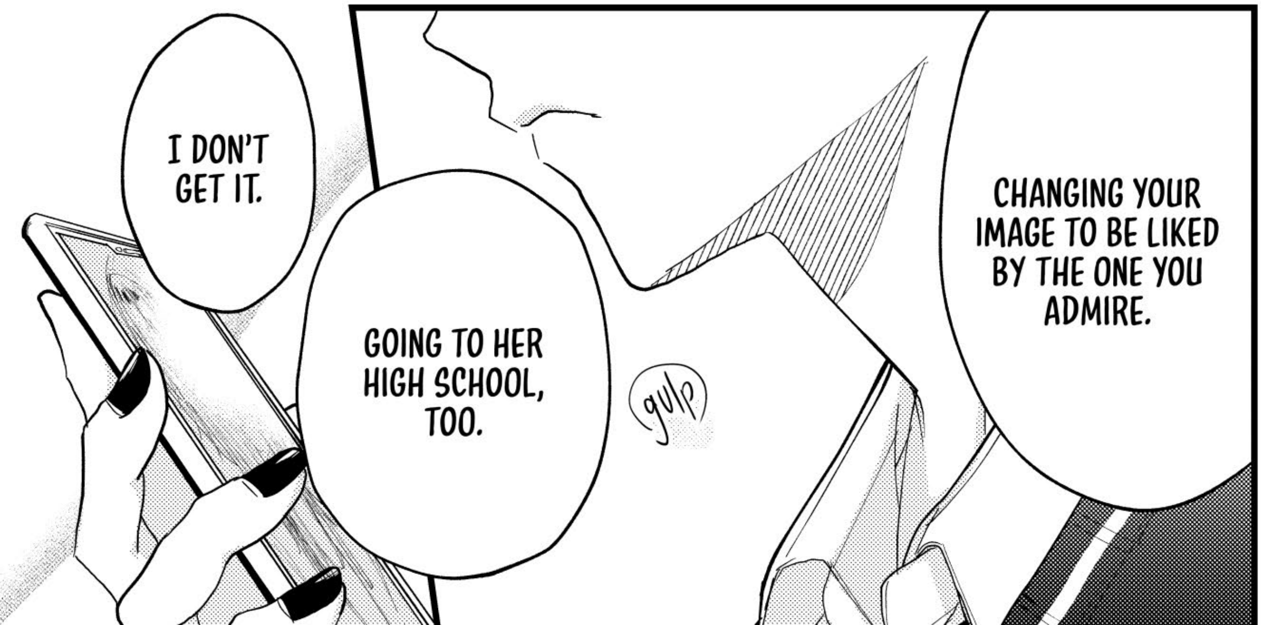
THUD
HEY, SIS?!
BAM
IT DIDN'T GO AS PLANNED AT ALL!
Quiet...
YOU COULD AT LEAST KNOCK.

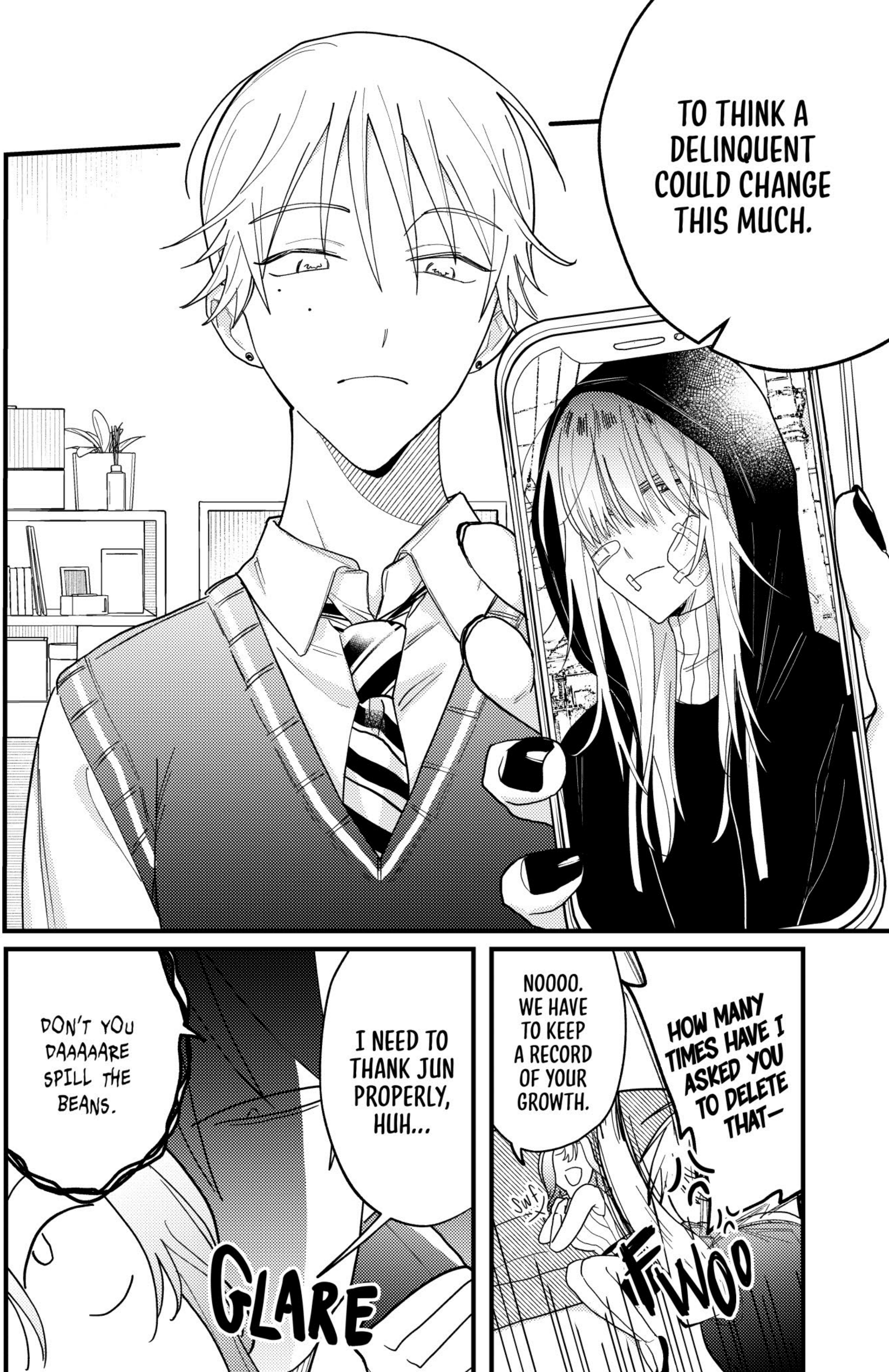

SO? WHAT HAPPENED?
SIS... YOU...
YOU SAID THAT WAS THE EASIEST WAY
TO MAKE HER THINK THAT I LIKE HER, RIGHT?
OH... YOU DID SOMETHING, HUH.
IT'S SO WEIRD!
INSTEAD, THE OPPOSITE HAPPENED
WAHHH!
AND I DON'T GET WHY THERE'S A MISUNDERSTANDING!
Oh, dear~ Poor thing.
DOING THE ROUNDABOUT THING MUST'VE BACKFIRED.
A GIRL WHO WAS TOO IMPATIENT AND THOUGHT SHE HAD EXPRESSED HER FEELINGS
YOU'RE THE WORST... FROM THE SELF-PROCLAIMED HOTTIE...
Sob
If you have to proclaim it yourself, you know you've hit rock bottom.
whisper
glare
SHUT UP, YOU SUPERFICIAL—

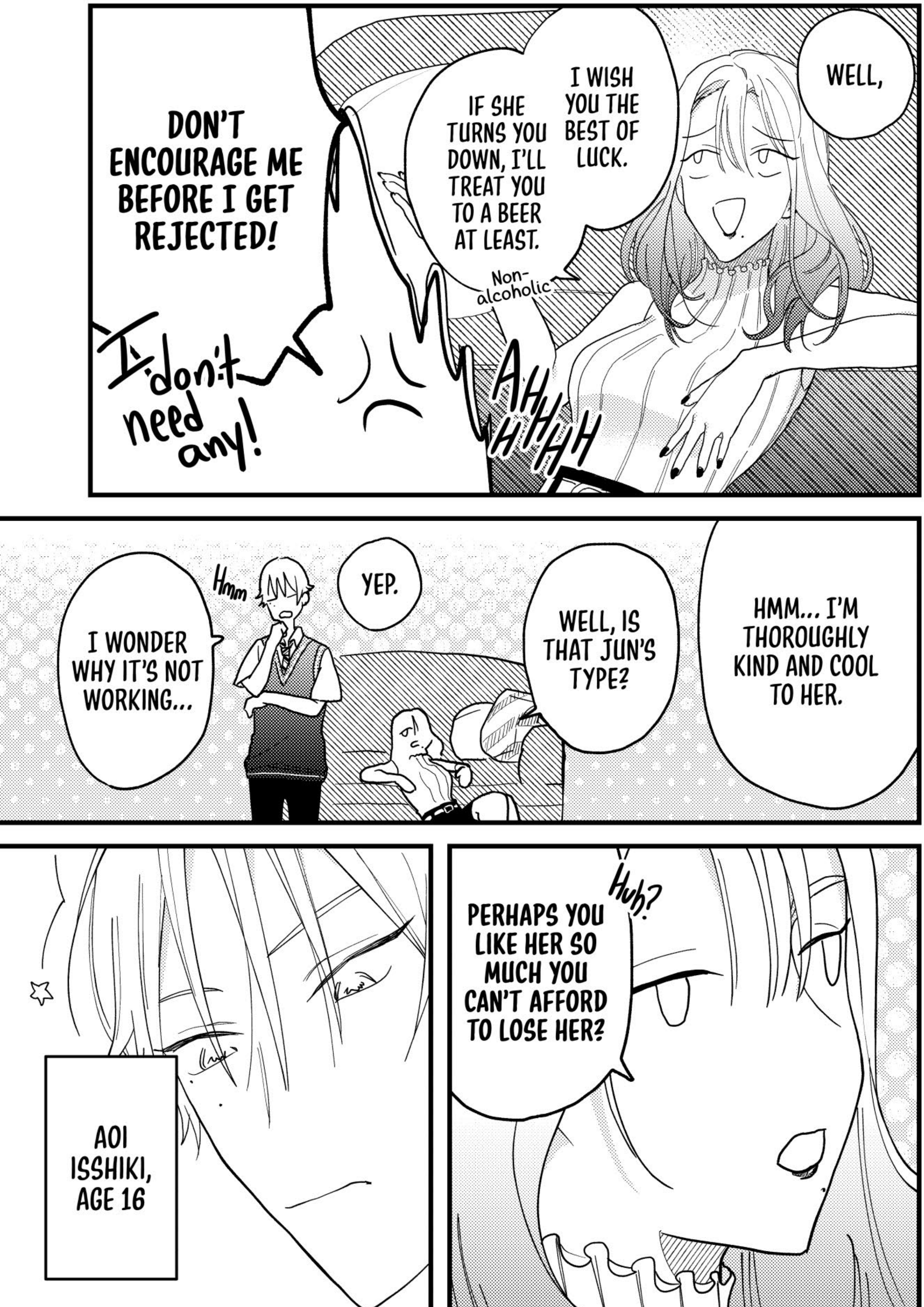

WHYY YYY!
I THOUGHT I WAS KICKING OFF A TRUE ROMANCEEE
W-WELL... IF YOU SHOW JUN THIS SIDE OF YOU (KICKING AND SCREAMING) YOU'RE SURE TO BLOW IT.
ARGH
flail
flail

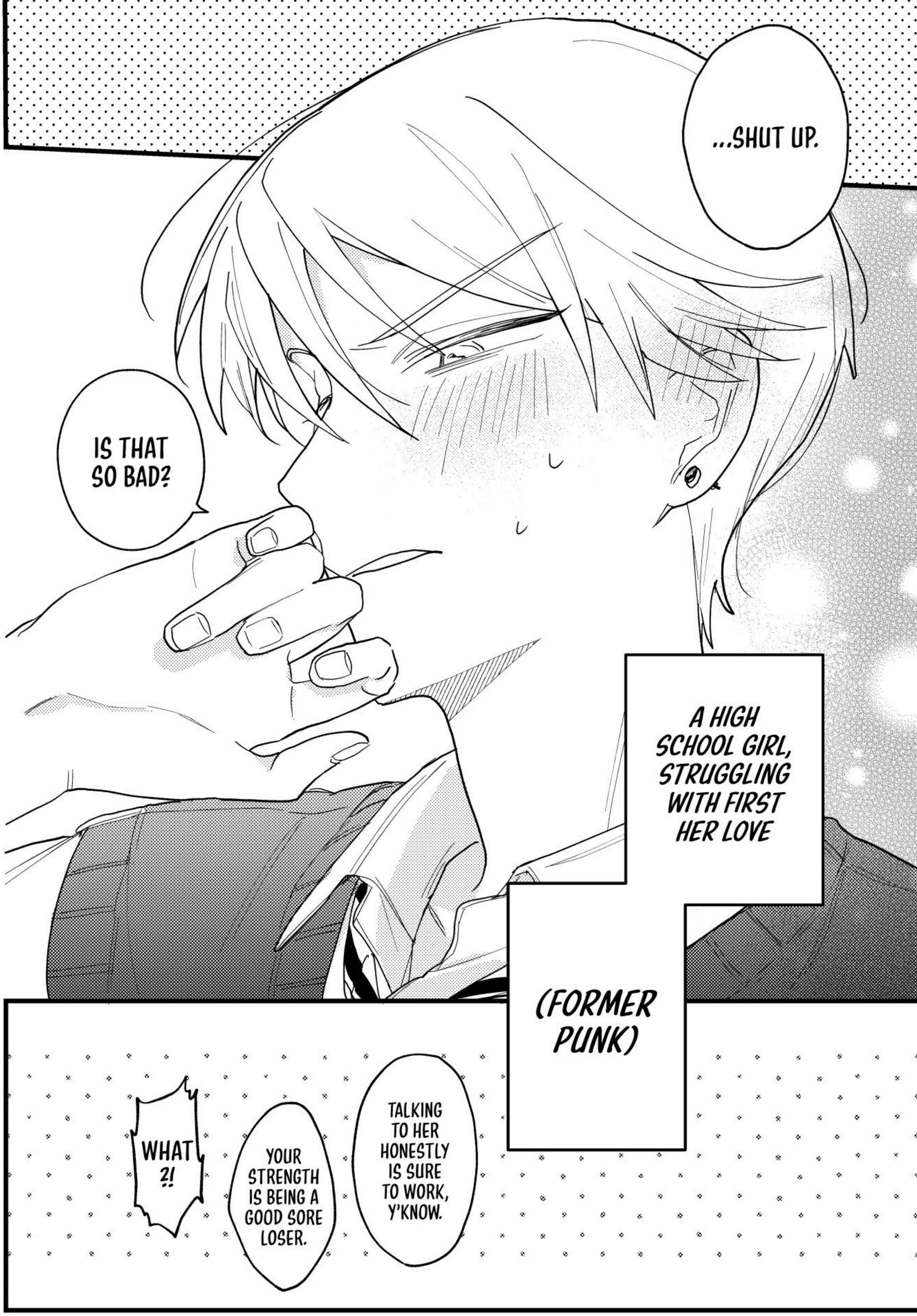

I WON'T BE THAT FOOLISH.
I'LL DIE.
SWOOP
WHAT IF SHE SAW YOU?
I'M SURE SHE HAS HER FLAWS, TOO...


My My
IT'S ALL ABOUT COURAGE.


CHANGING YOUR IMAGE TO BE LIKED BY THE ONE YOU ADMIRE.
gulp
GOING TO HER HIGH SCHOOL, TOO.
I DON'T GET IT.


TO THINK A DELINQUENT COULD CHANGE THIS MUCH.
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I ASKED YOU TO DELETE THAT—
NOOOO. WE HAVE TO KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR GROWTH.
Swf
FWOO
I NEED TO THANK JUN PROPERLY, HUH...
DON'T YOU DAAAAARE SPILL THE BEANS.
GLARE

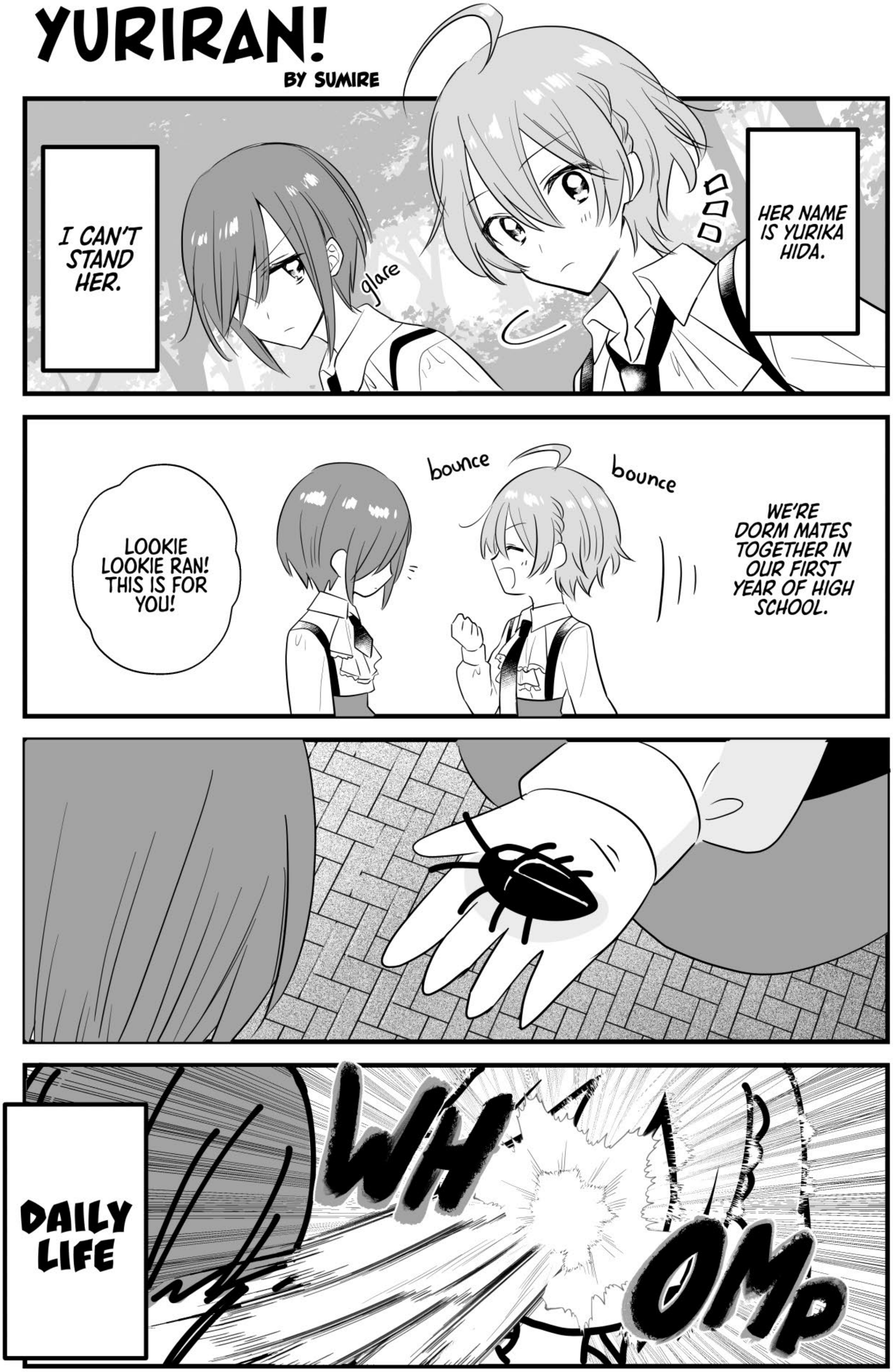

WELL,
I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK.
IF SHE TURNS YOU DOWN, I'LL TREAT YOU TO A BEER AT LEAST.
Non-alcoholic
AHHHHHH
DON'T ENCOURAGE ME BEFORE I GET REJECTED!
I don't need any!
HMM... I'M THOROUGHLY KIND AND COOL TO HER.
WELL, IS THAT JUN'S TYPE?
YEP.
Hmm
I WONDER WHY IT'S NOT WORKING...
Huh?
PERHAPS YOU LIKE HER SO MUCH YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE HER?
AOI ISSHIKI, AGE 16

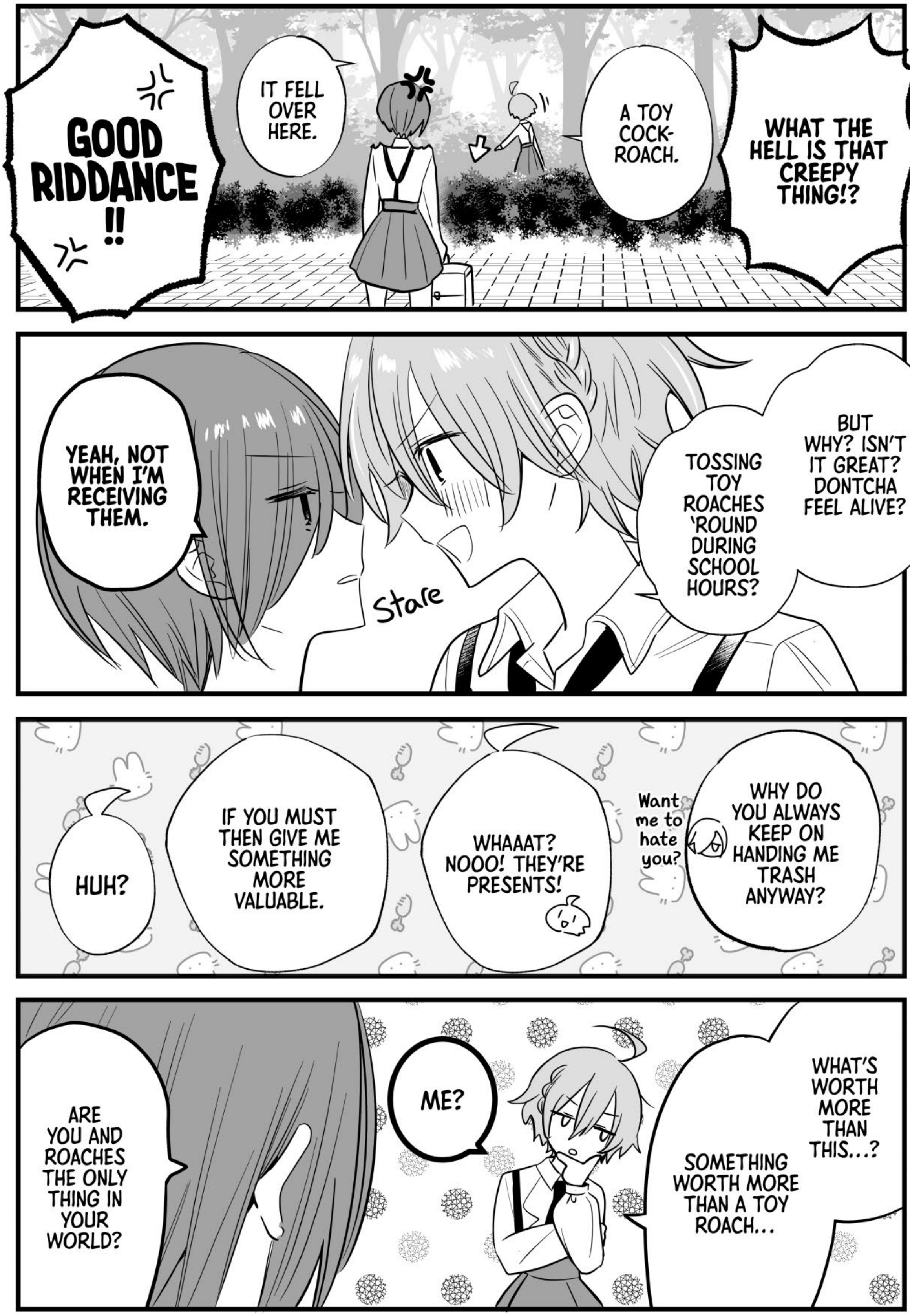

...SHUT UP.
IS THAT SO BAD?
A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL, STRUGGLING WITH FIRST HER LOVE
(FORMER PUNK)
TALKING TO HER HONESTLY IS SURE TO WORK, Y'KNOW.
YOUR STRENGTH IS BEING A GOOD SORE LOSER.
WHAT?!

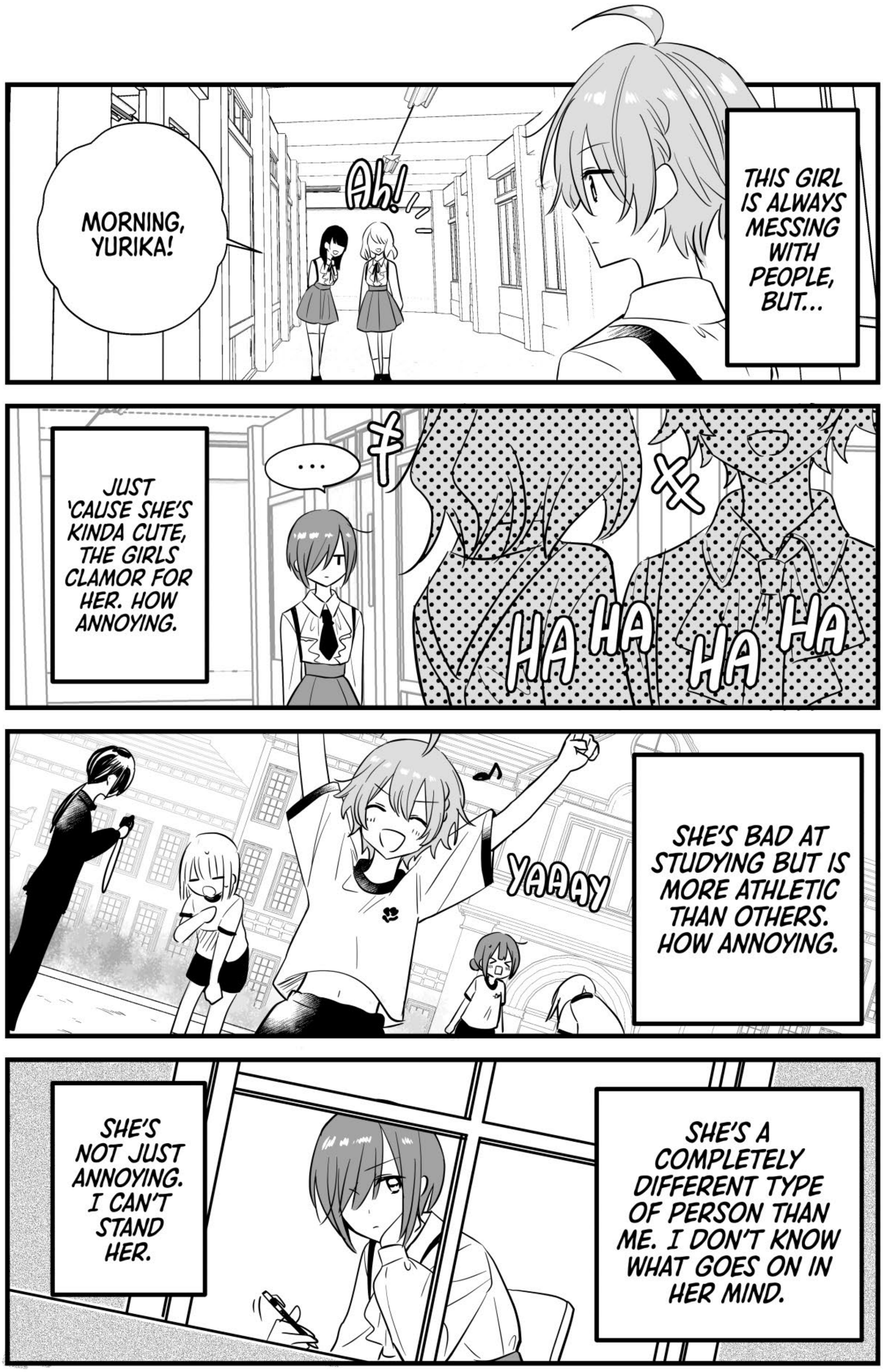
THE END

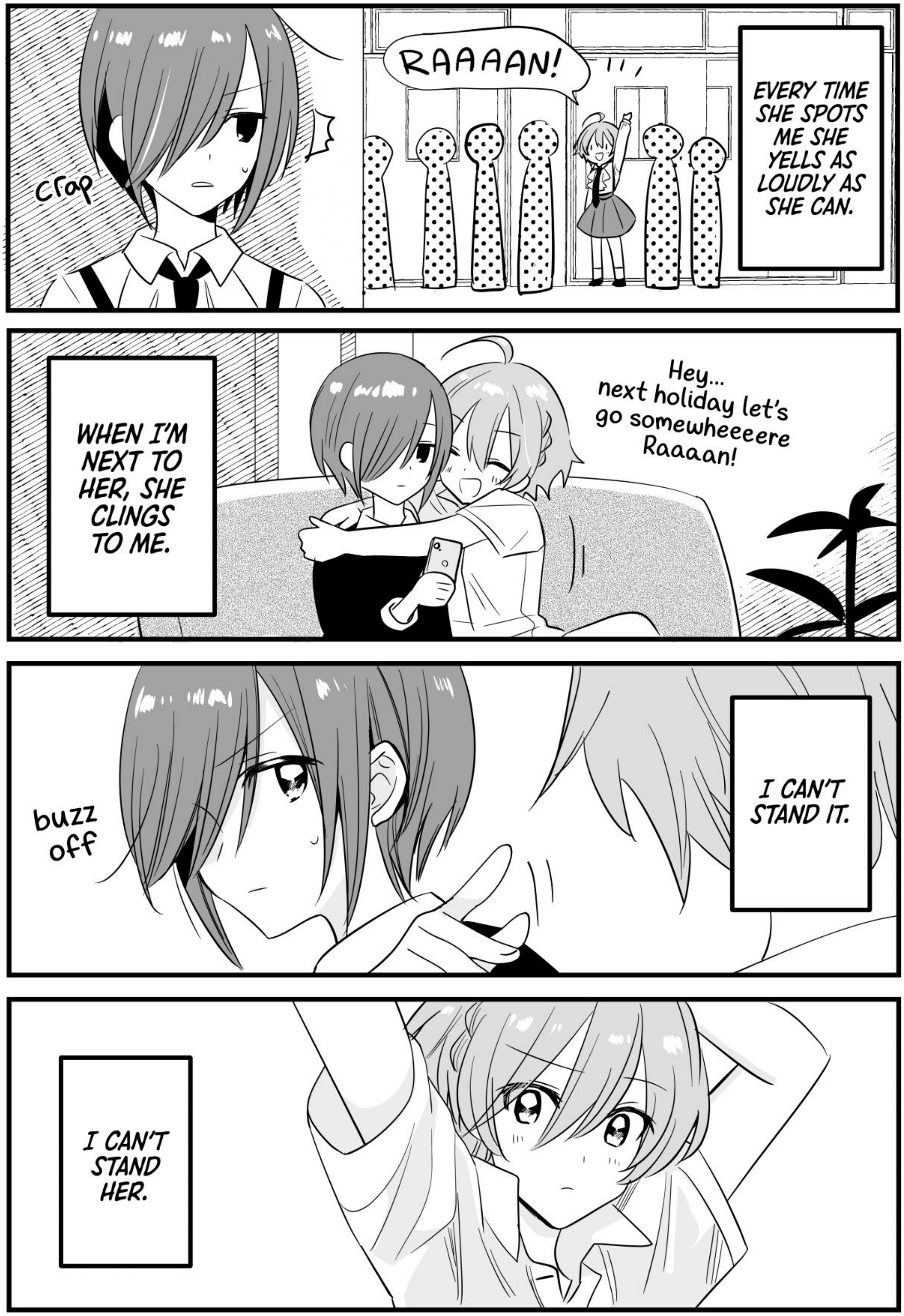
YURIRAN!

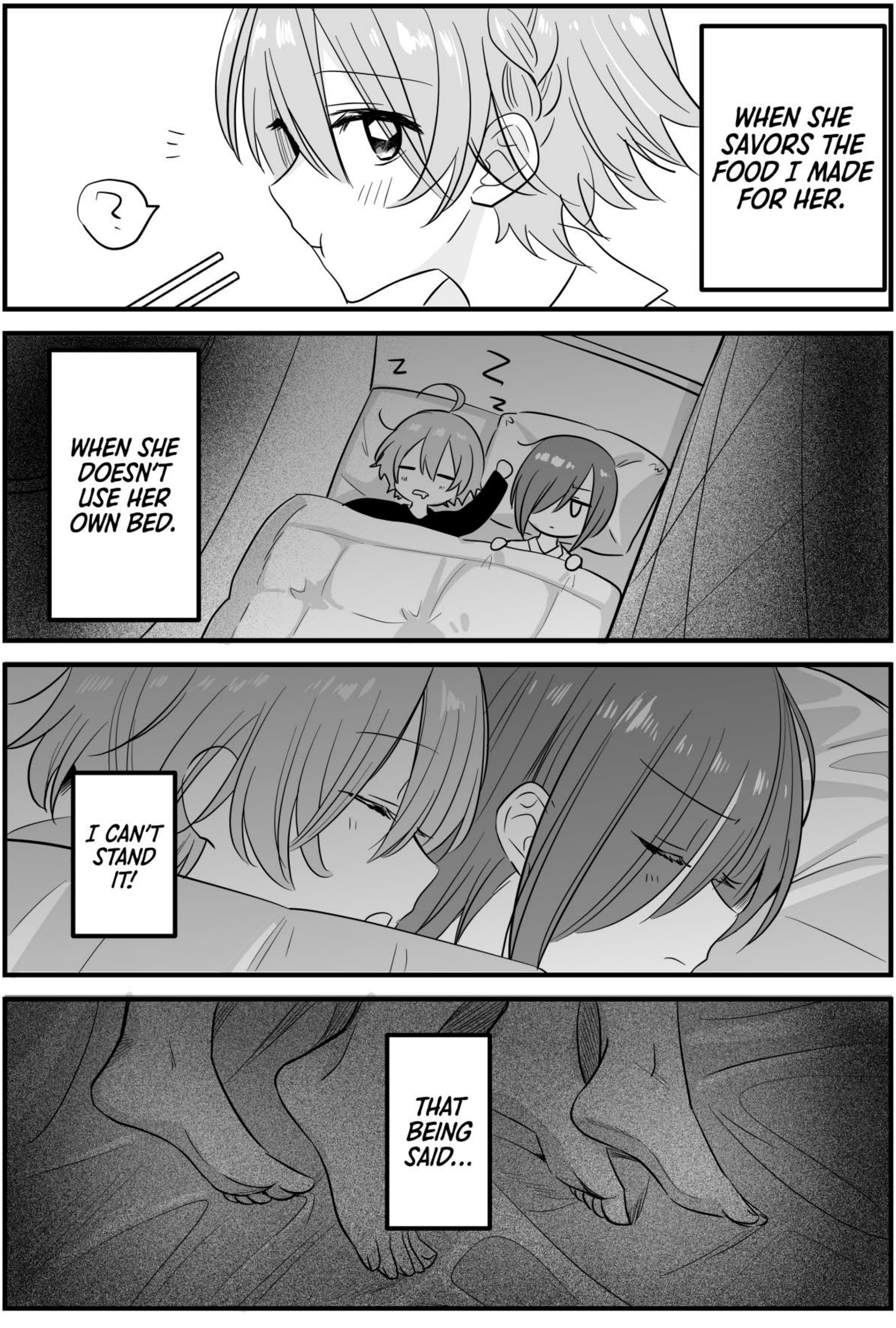
BY SUMIRE

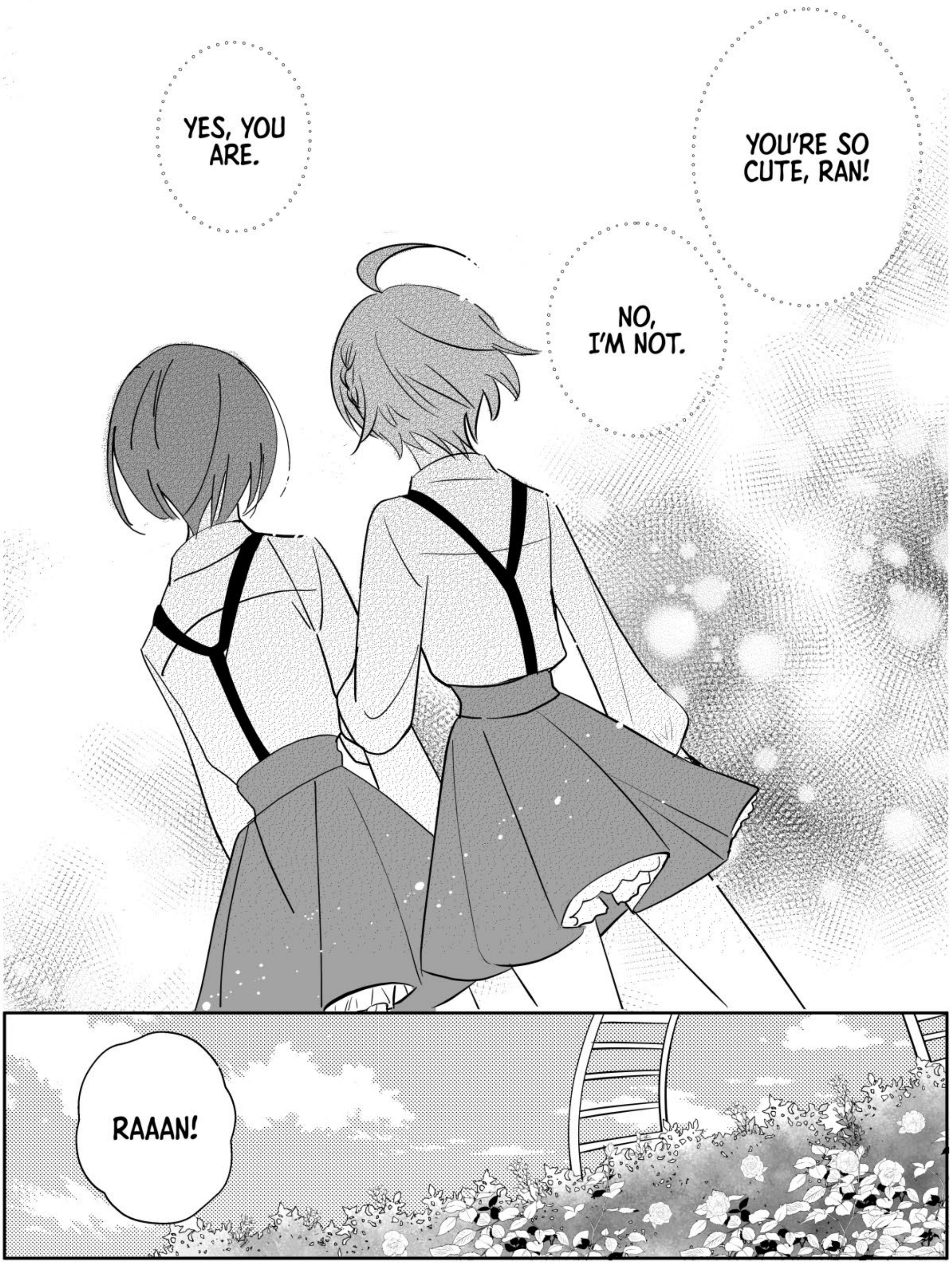

HER NAME IS YURIKA HIDA.
glare
I CAN'T STAND HER.
WE'RE DORM MATES TOGETHER IN OUR FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.
bounce
bounce
LOOKIE LOOKIE RAN! THIS IS FOR YOU!
WHOMP
DAILY LIFE

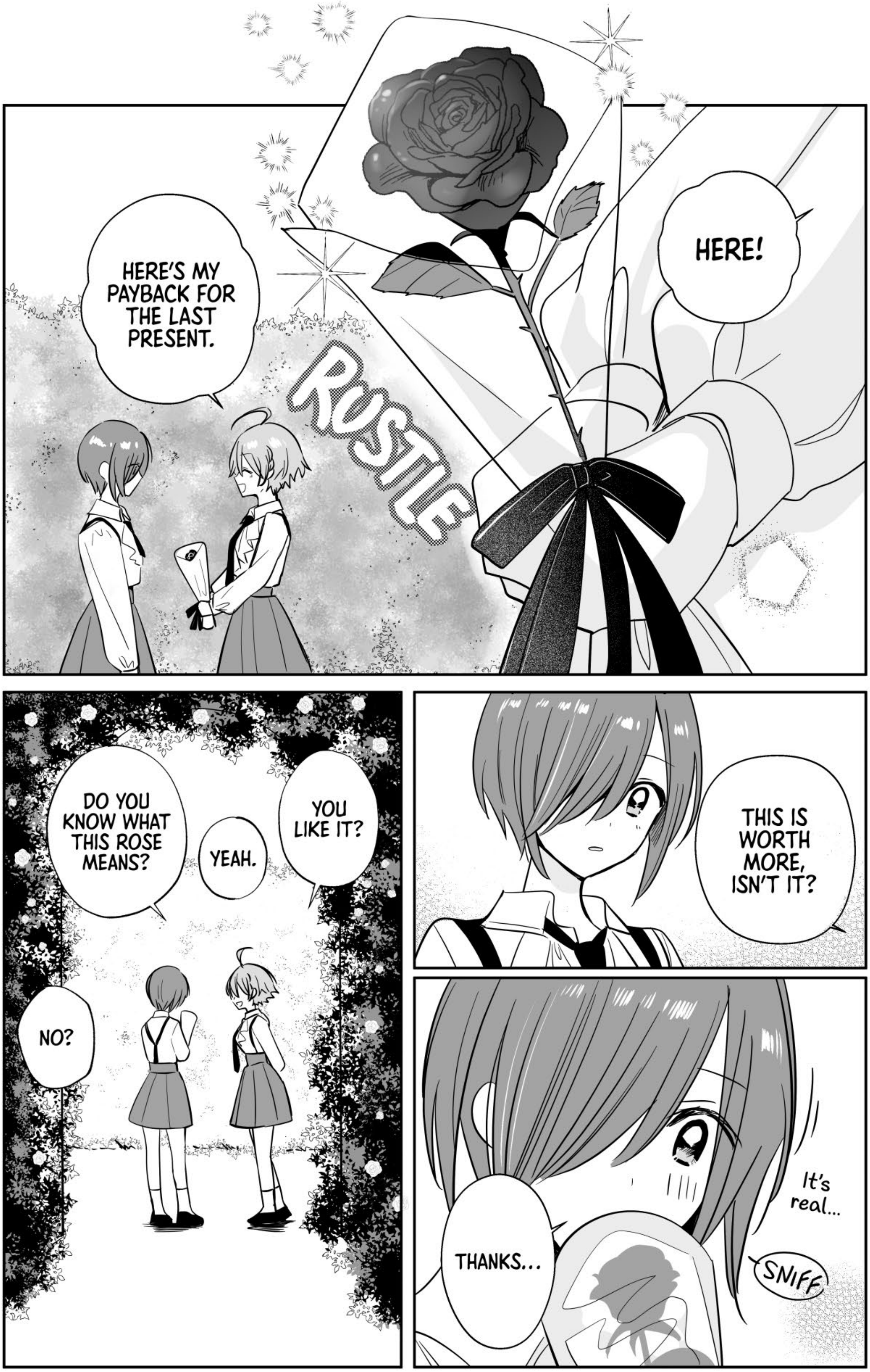

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT CREEPY THING!?
A TOY COCKROACH.
IT FELL OVER HERE.
GOOD RIDDANCE!!
BUT WHY? ISN'T IT GREAT? DONTCHA FEEL ALIVE?
TOSSING TOY ROACHES 'ROUND DURING SCHOOL HOURS?
Stare
YEAH, NOT WHEN I'M RECEIVING THEM.
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS KEEP ON HANDING ME TRASH ANYWAY?
Want me to hate you?
WHAAAT? NOOO! THEY'RE PRESENTS!
IF YOU MUST THEN GIVE ME SOMETHING MORE VALUABLE.
HUH?
WHAT'S WORTH MORE THAN THIS...?
SOMETHING WORTH MORE THAN A TOY ROACH...
ME?
ARE YOU AND ROACHES THE ONLY THING IN YOUR WORLD?

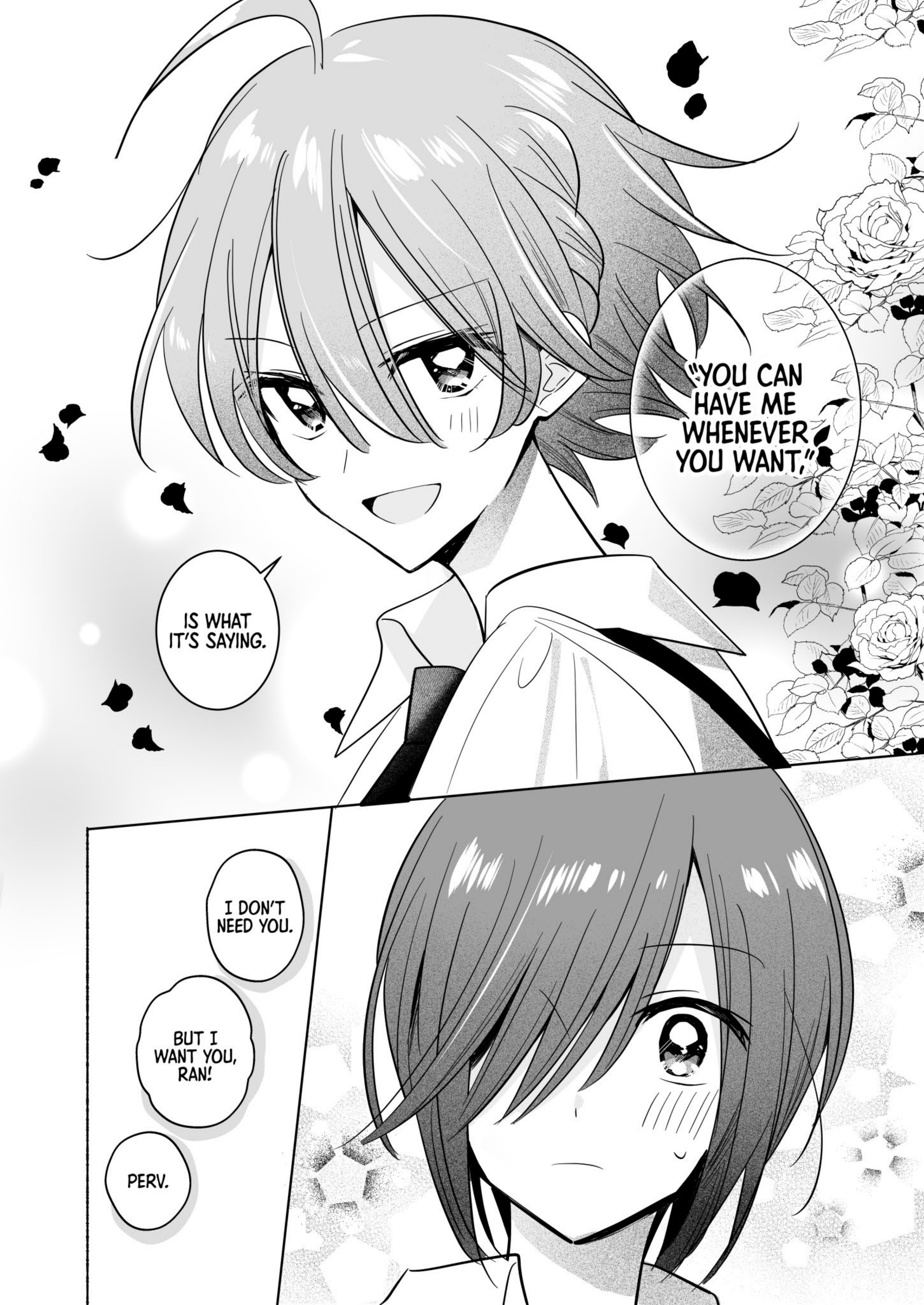

THIS GIRL IS ALWAYS MESSING WITH PEOPLE, BUT...
Ah!
MORNING, YURIKA!
HA HA HA HA
...
JUST 'CAUSE SHE'S KINDA CUTE, THE GIRLS CLAMOR FOR HER. HOW ANNOYING.
SHE'S BAD AT STUDYING BUT IS MORE ATHLETIC THAN OTHERS. HOW ANNOYING.
YAAAY
SHE'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TYPE OF PERSON THAN ME. I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN HER MIND.
SHE'S NOT JUST ANNOYING. I CAN'T STAND HER.


EVERY TIME SHE SPOTS ME SHE YELLS AS LOUDLY AS SHE CAN.
RAAAAN!
crap
Hey... next holiday let's go somewheeeere Raaaan!
WHEN I'M NEXT TO HER, SHE CLINGS TO ME.
I CAN'T STAND IT.
buzz off
I CAN'T STAND HER.


WHEN SHE SAVORS THE FOOD I MADE FOR HER.
?
WHEN SHE DOESN'T USE HER OWN BED.
Z Z
I CAN'T STAND IT!
THAT BEING SAID...


YOU'RE SO CUTE, RAN!
NO, I'M NOT.
YES, YOU ARE.
RAAAN!


HERE!
HERE'S MY PAYBACK FOR THE LAST PRESENT.
RUSTLE
THIS IS WORTH MORE, ISN'T IT?
THANKS...
It's real...
SNIFF
YOU LIKE IT?
YEAH.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS ROSE MEANS?
NO?


"YOU CAN HAVE ME WHENEVER YOU WANT,"
IS WHAT IT'S SAYING.
I DON'T NEED YOU.
BUT I WANT YOU, RAN!
PERV.

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We're Just Close, Is All

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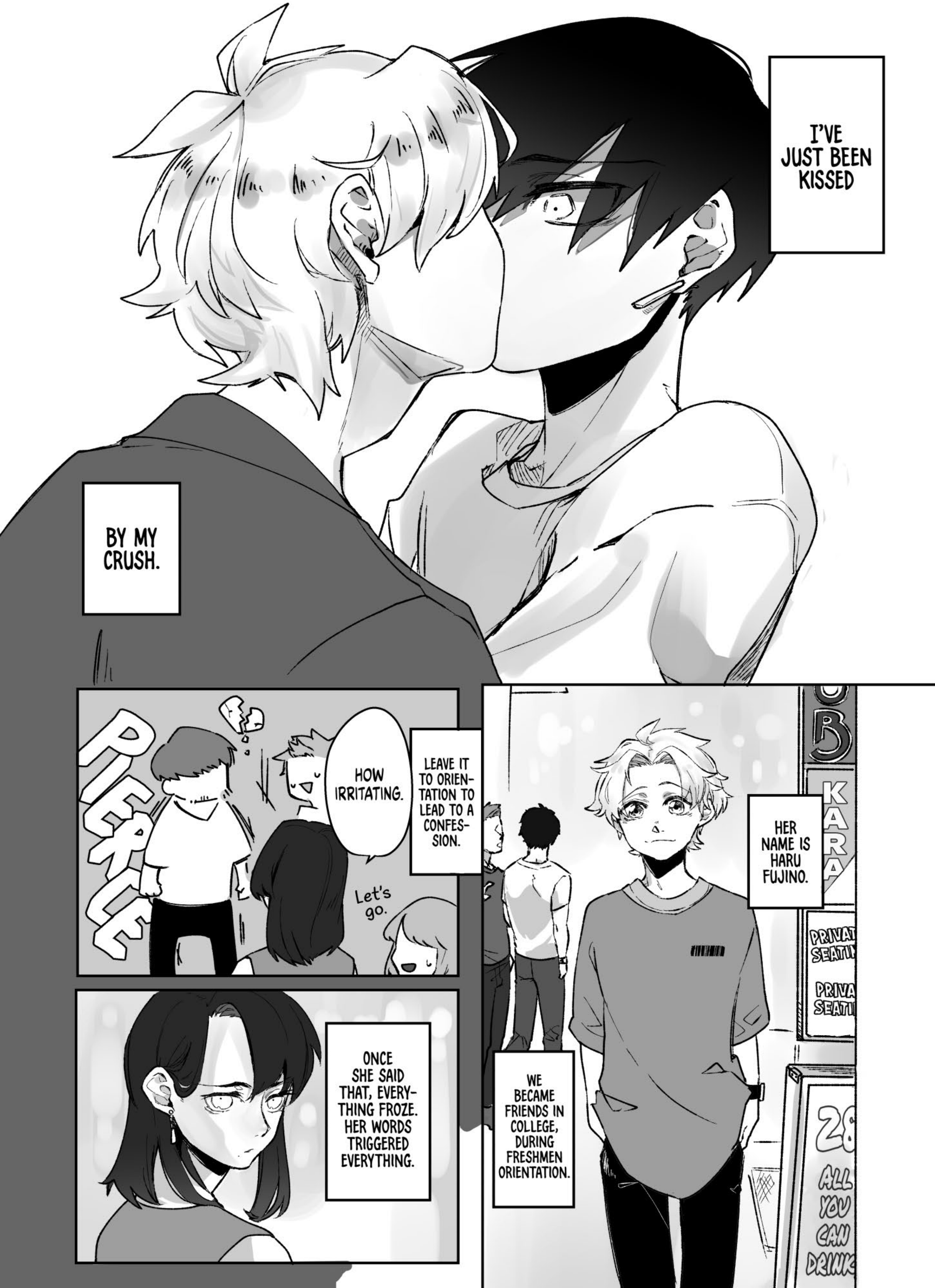
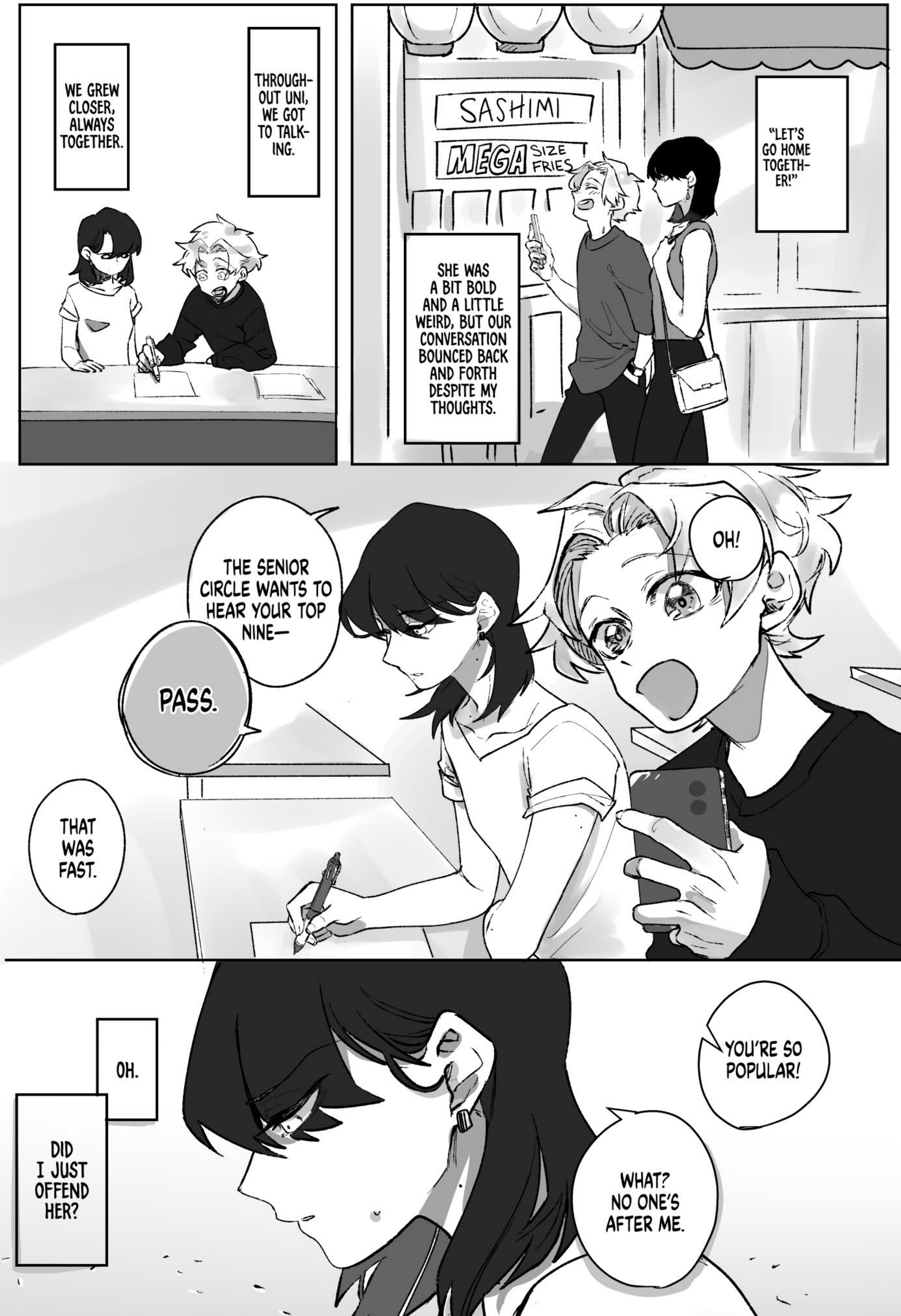
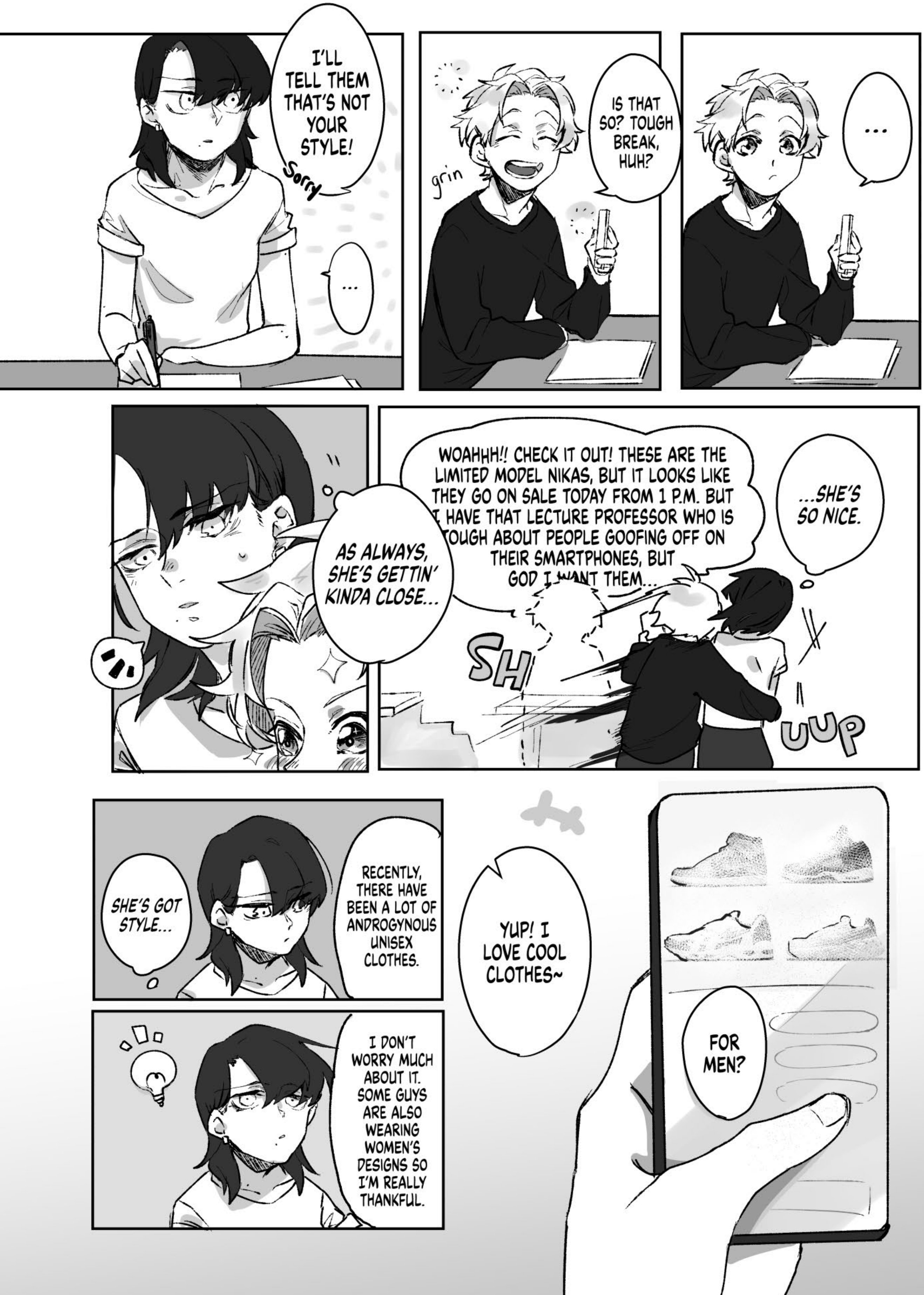
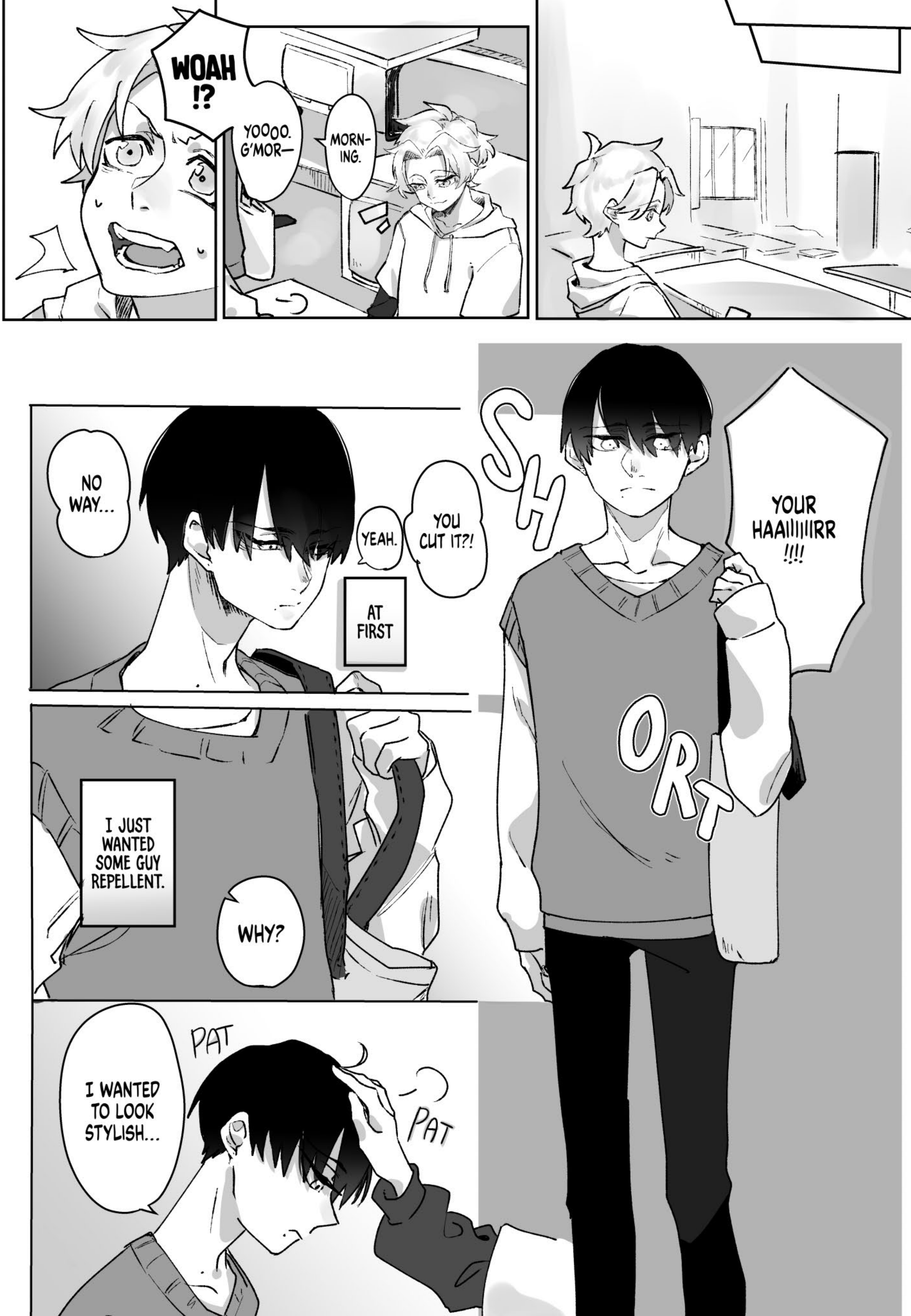
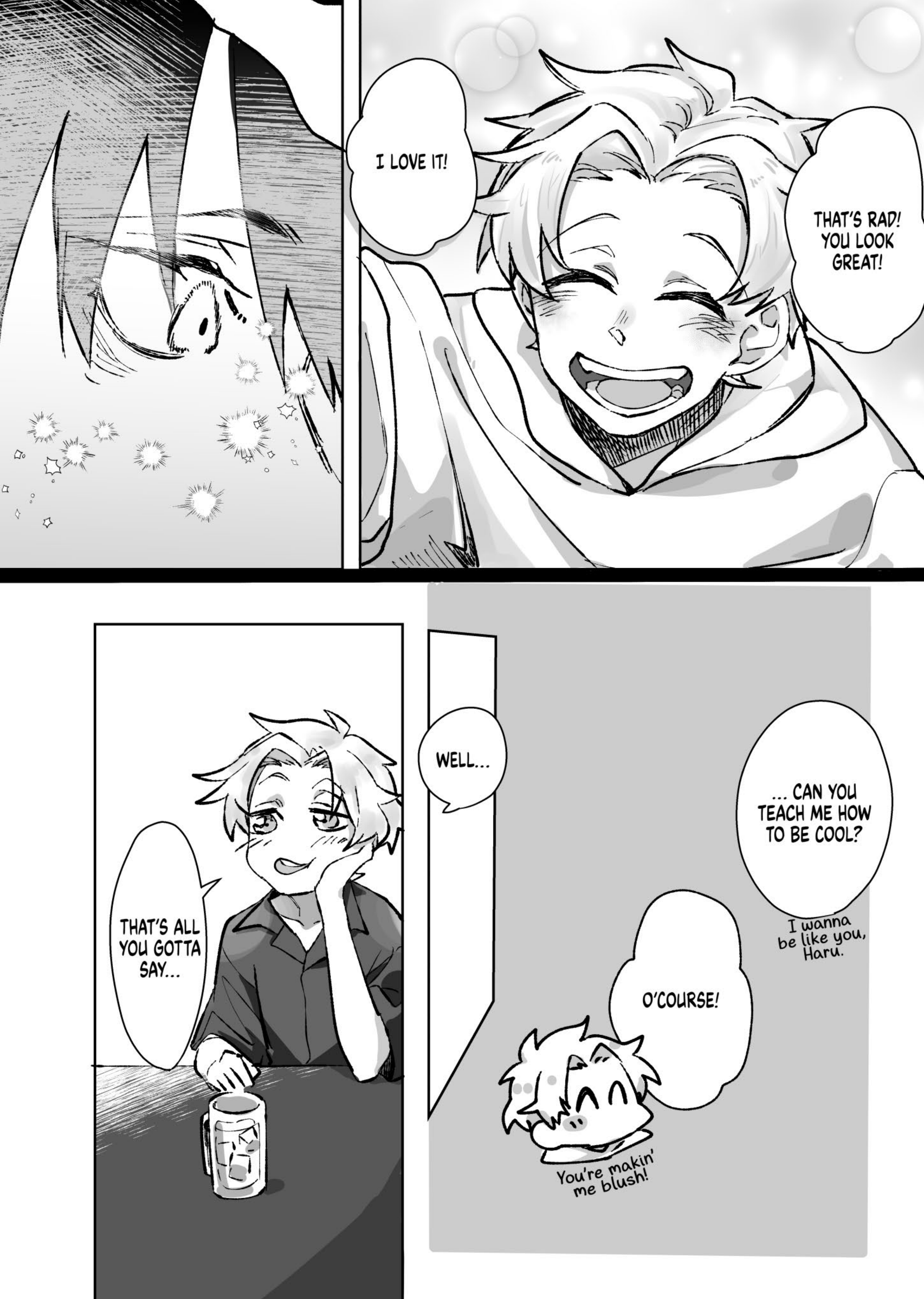
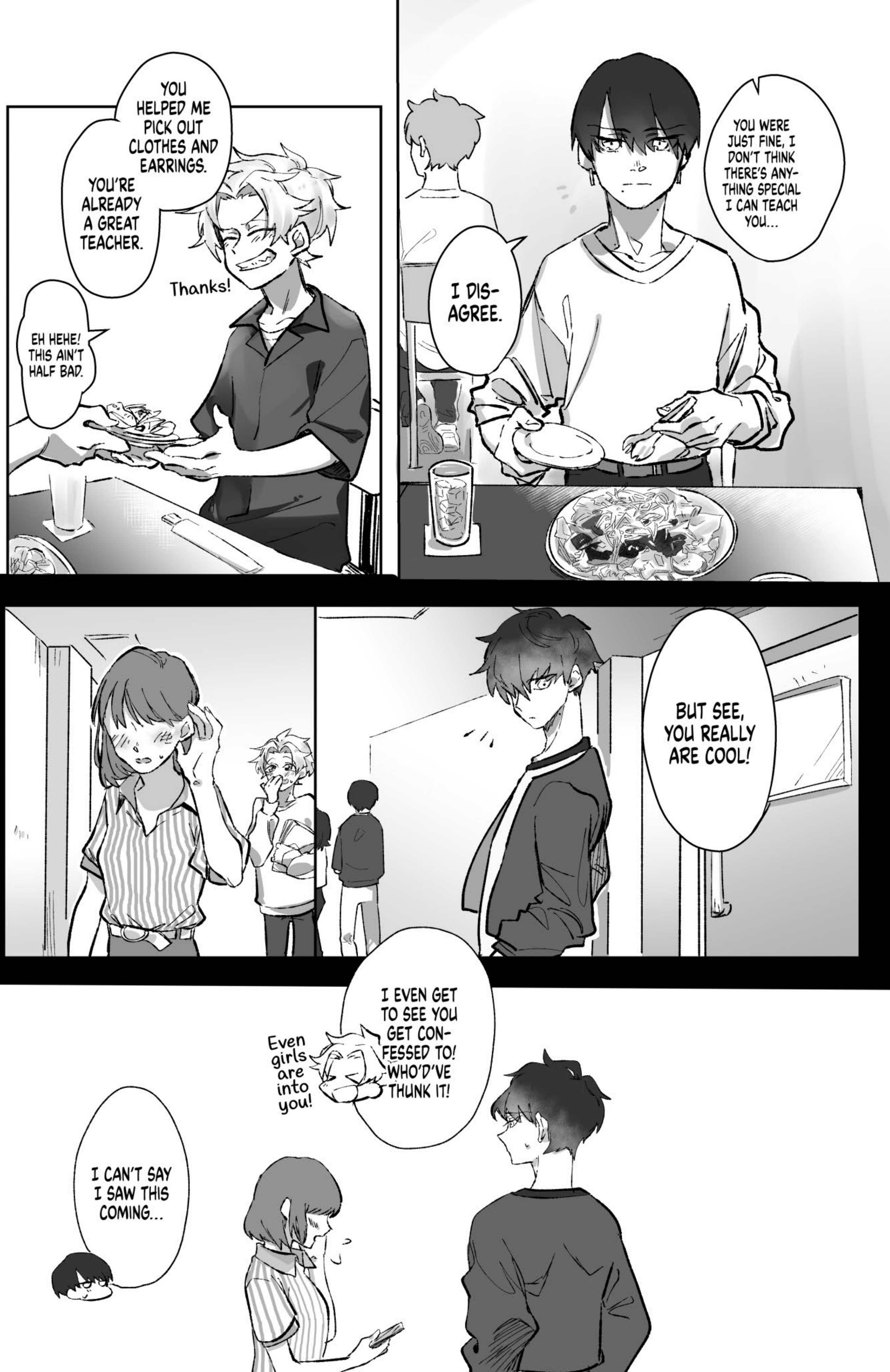

I'VE JUST BEEN KISSED
BY MY CRUSH.
HER NAME IS HARU FUJINO.
WE BECAME FRIENDS IN COLLEGE, DURING FRESHMEN ORIENTATION.
KARA
PRIVAT SEATI
PRIVA SEATI
28
ALL YOU CAN DRINK
LEAVE IT TO ORIENTATION TO LEAD TO A CONFESSION.
HOW IRRITATING.
PIERCE
Let's go.
ONCE SHE SAID THAT, EVERYTHING FROZE. HER WORDS TRIGGERED EVERYTHING.

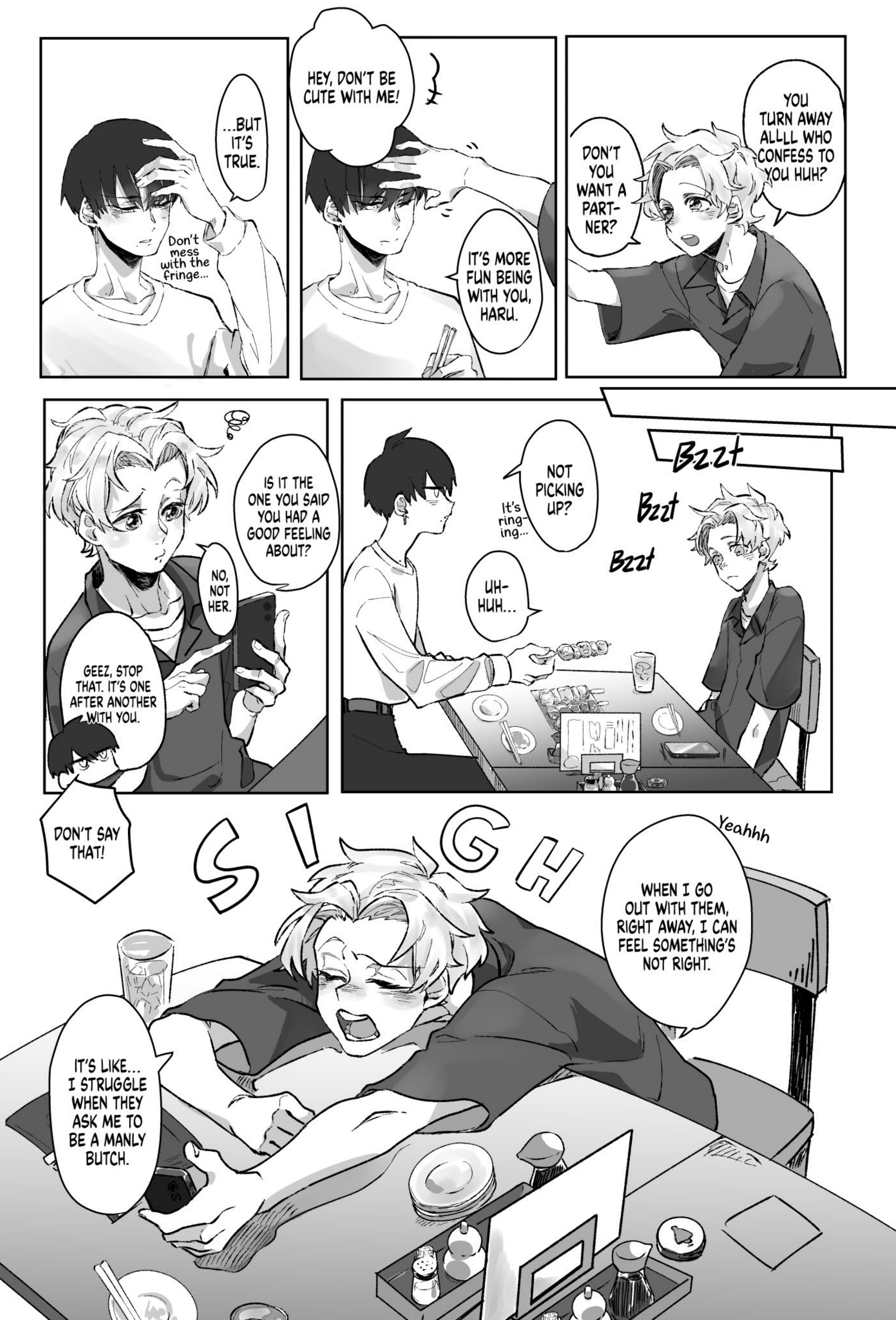

SASHIMI
MEGA SIZE FRIES
"LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!"
SHE WAS A BIT BOLD AND A LITTLE WEIRD, BUT OUR CONVERSATION BOUNCED BACK AND FORTH DESPITE MY THOUGHTS.
THROUGHOUT UNI, WE GOT TO TALKING.
WE GREW CLOSER, ALWAYS TOGETHER.
OH!
THE SENIOR CIRCLE WANTS TO HEAR YOUR TOP NINE—
PASS.
THAT WAS FAST.
YOU'RE SO POPULAR!
WHAT? NO ONE'S AFTER ME.
OH.
DID I JUST OFFEND HER?

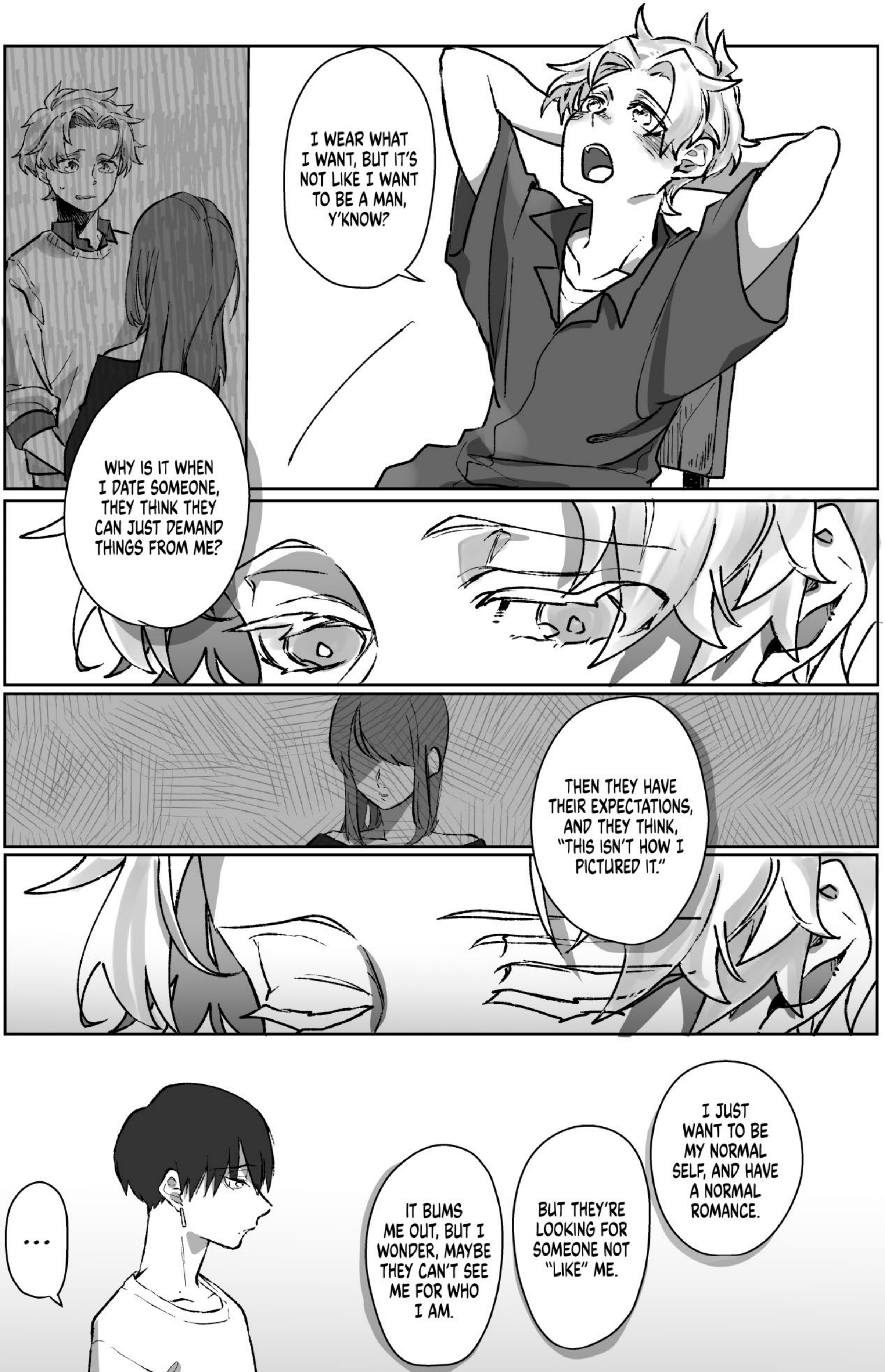

I'LL TELL THEM THAT'S NOT YOUR STYLE!
Sorry
...
grin
IS THAT SO? TOUGH BREAK, HUH?
...
AS ALWAYS, SHE'S GETTIN' KINDA CLOSE...
WOAHHH!! CHECK IT OUT! THESE ARE THE LIMITED MODEL NIKAS, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY GO ON SALE TODAY FROM 1 P.M. BUT I HAVE THAT LECTURE PROFESSOR WHO IS TOUGH ABOUT PEOPLE GOOFING OFF ON THEIR SMARTPHONES, BUT GOD I WANT THEM...
SH
UUP
...SHE'S SO NICE.
FOR MEN?
YUP! I LOVE COOL CLOTHES~
SHE'S GOT STYLE...
RECENTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF ANDROGYNOUS UNISEX CLOTHES.
I DON'T WORRY MUCH ABOUT IT. SOME GUYS ARE ALSO WEARING WOMEN'S DESIGNS SO I'M REALLY THANKFUL.

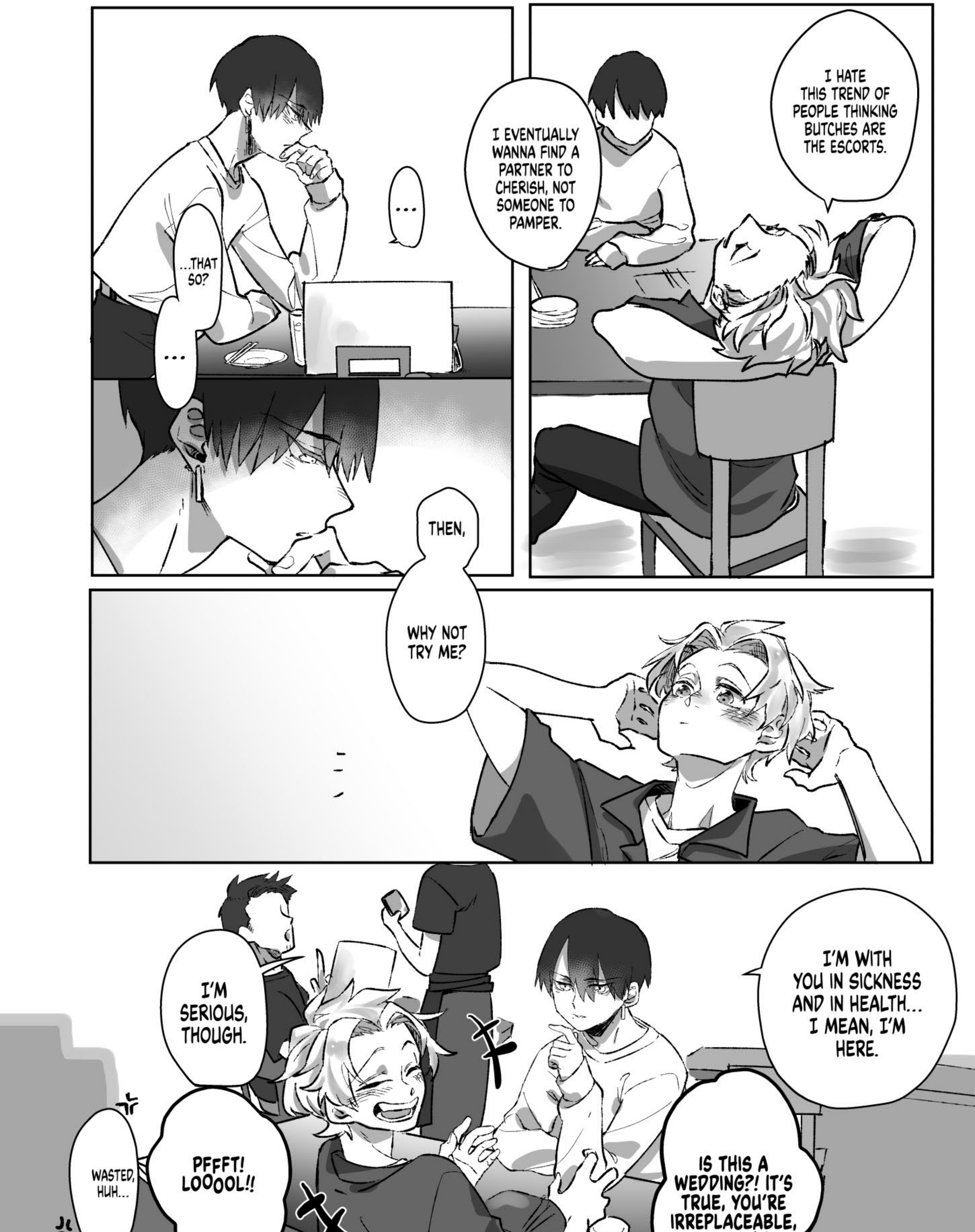

MORN-ING.
YOOOO. G'MOR—
WOAH!?
YOUR HAAIIIIIRR!!!!
SHORT
YOU CUT IT?!
YEAH.
NO WAY...
WHY?
AT FIRST
I JUST WANTED SOME GUY REPELLENT.
PAT
PAT
I WANTED TO LOOK STYLISH...

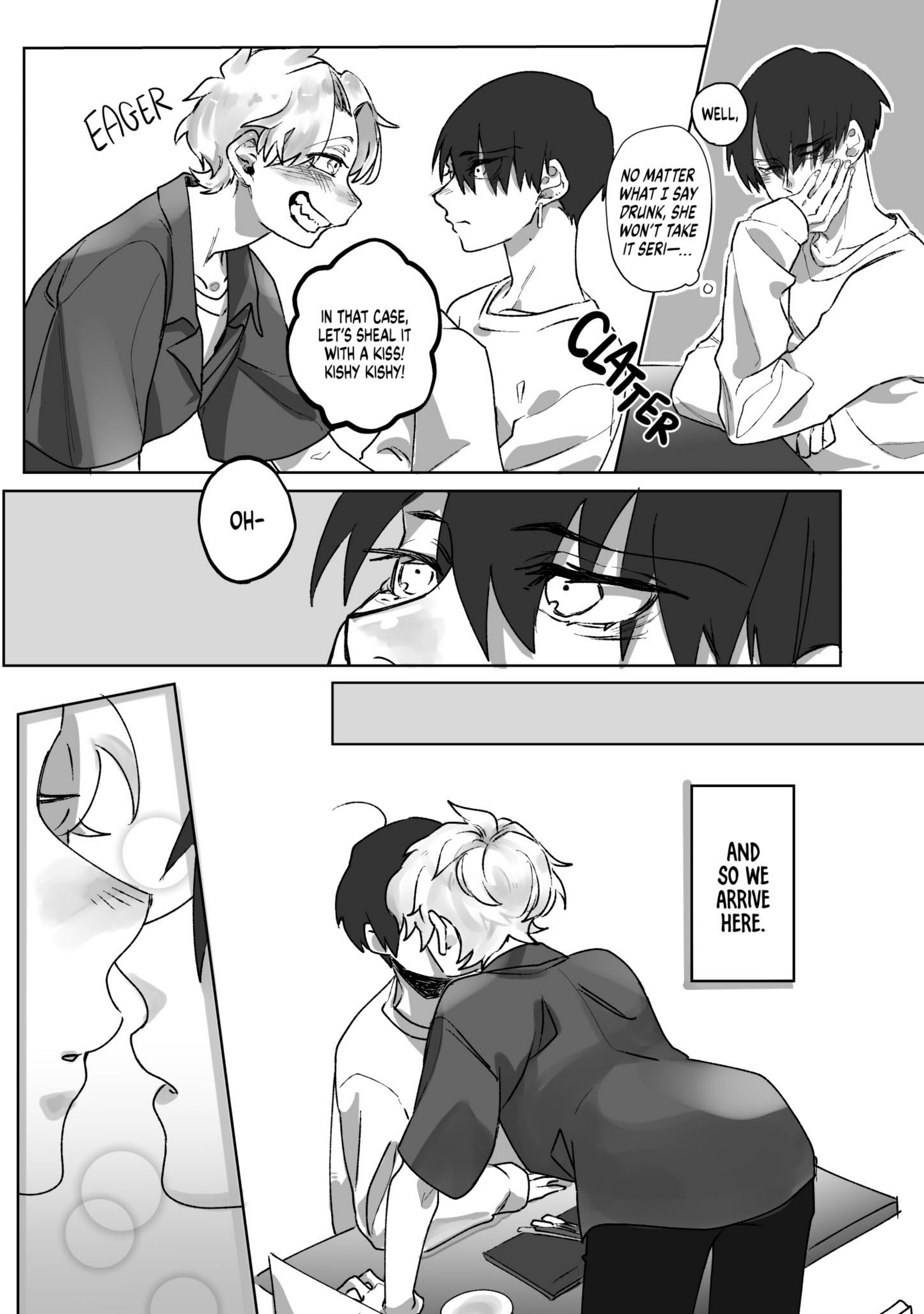

I LOVE IT!
THAT'S RAD! YOU LOOK GREAT!
THAT'S ALL YOU GOTTA SAY...
WELL...
... CAN YOU TEACH ME HOW TO BE COOL?
I wanna be like you, Haru.
O'COURSE!
You're makin' me blush!

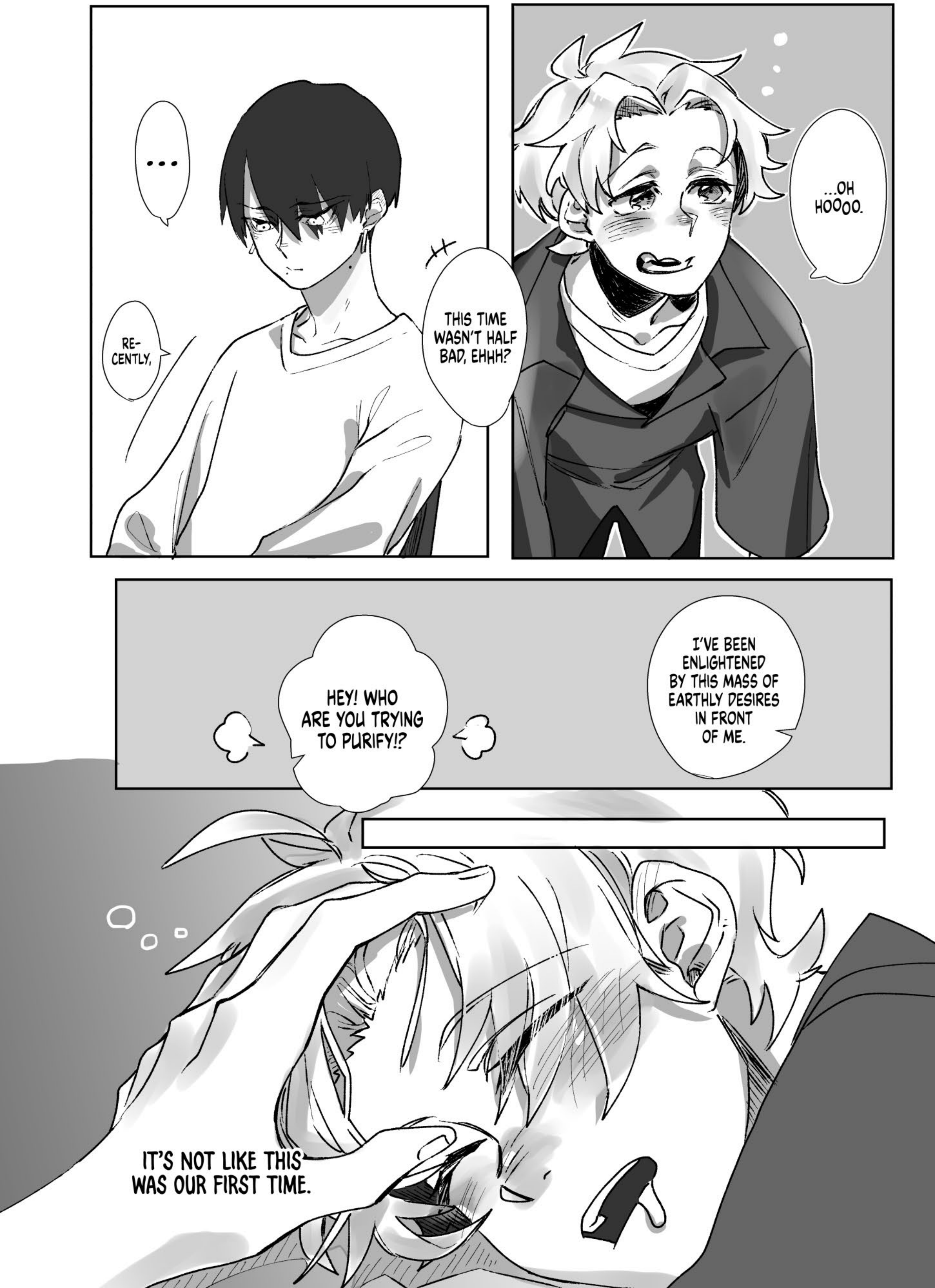

YOU WERE JUST FINE, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING SPECIAL I CAN TEACH YOU…
I DISAGREE.
YOU HELPED ME PICK OUT CLOTHES AND EARRINGS.
YOU'RE ALREADY A GREAT TEACHER.
Thanks!
EH HEHE! THIS AIN'T HALF BAD.
BUT SEE, YOU REALLY ARE COOL!
I EVEN GET TO SEE YOU GET CONFESSED TO! WHO'D'VE THUNK IT!
Even girls are into you!
I CAN'T SAY I SAW THIS COMING…

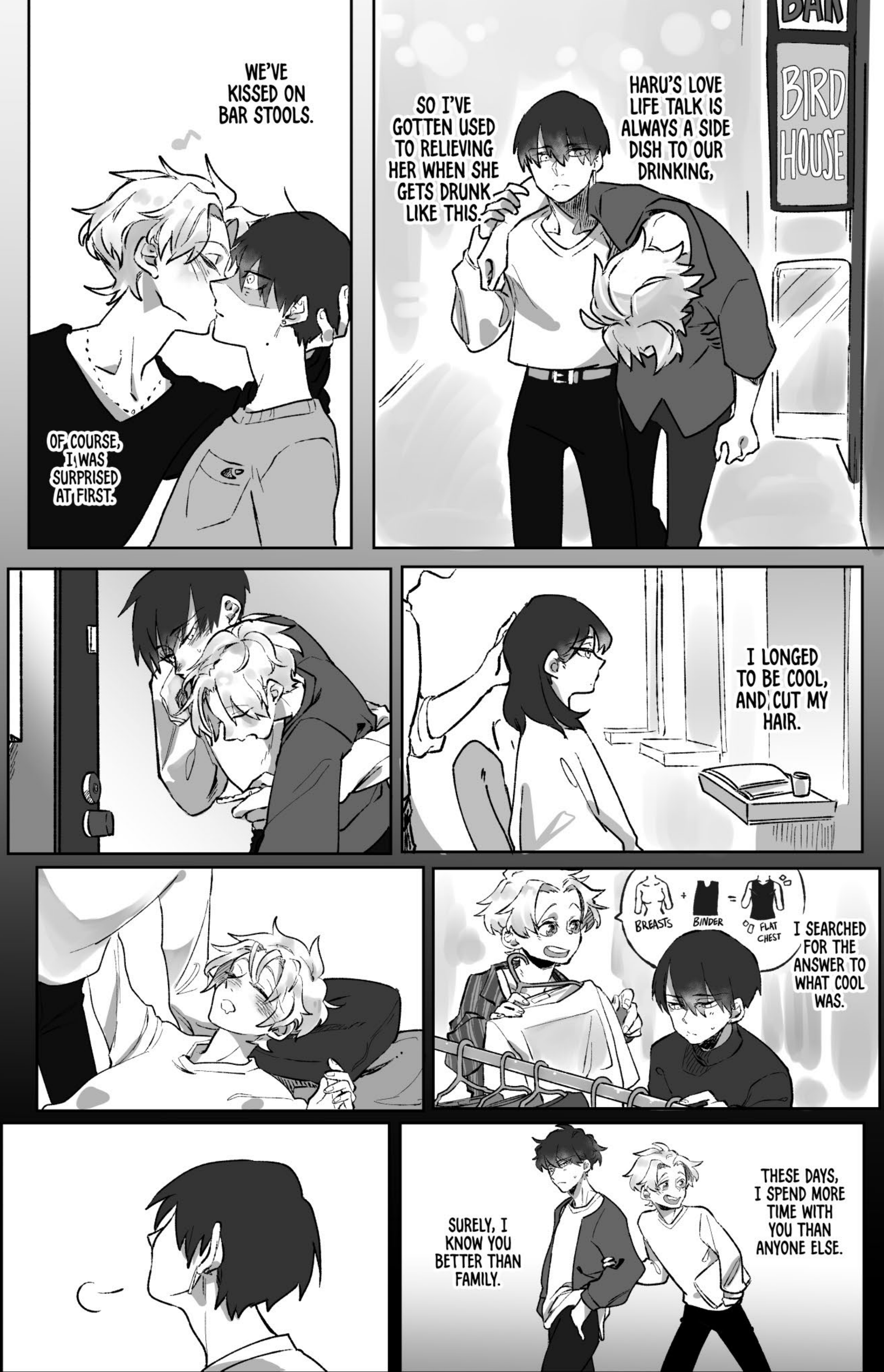

YOU TURN AWAY ALLLL WHO CONFESS TO YOU HUH?
DON'T YOU WANT A PART-NER?
IT'S MORE FUN BEING WITH YOU, HARU.
HEY, DON'T BE CUTE WITH ME!
...BUT IT'S TRUE.
Don't mess with the fringe...
Bzzt
Bzzt
Bzzt
NOT PICKING UP?
It's ring-ing...
UH-HUH...
IS IT THE ONE YOU SAID YOU HAD A GOOD FEELING ABOUT?
NO, NOT HER.
GEEZ, STOP THAT. IT'S ONE AFTER ANOTHER WITH YOU.
DON'T SAY THAT!
SIGH
Yeahhh
WHEN I GO OUT WITH THEM, RIGHT AWAY, I CAN FEEL SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
IT'S LIKE... I STRUGGLE WHEN THEY ASK ME TO BE A MANLY BUTCH.

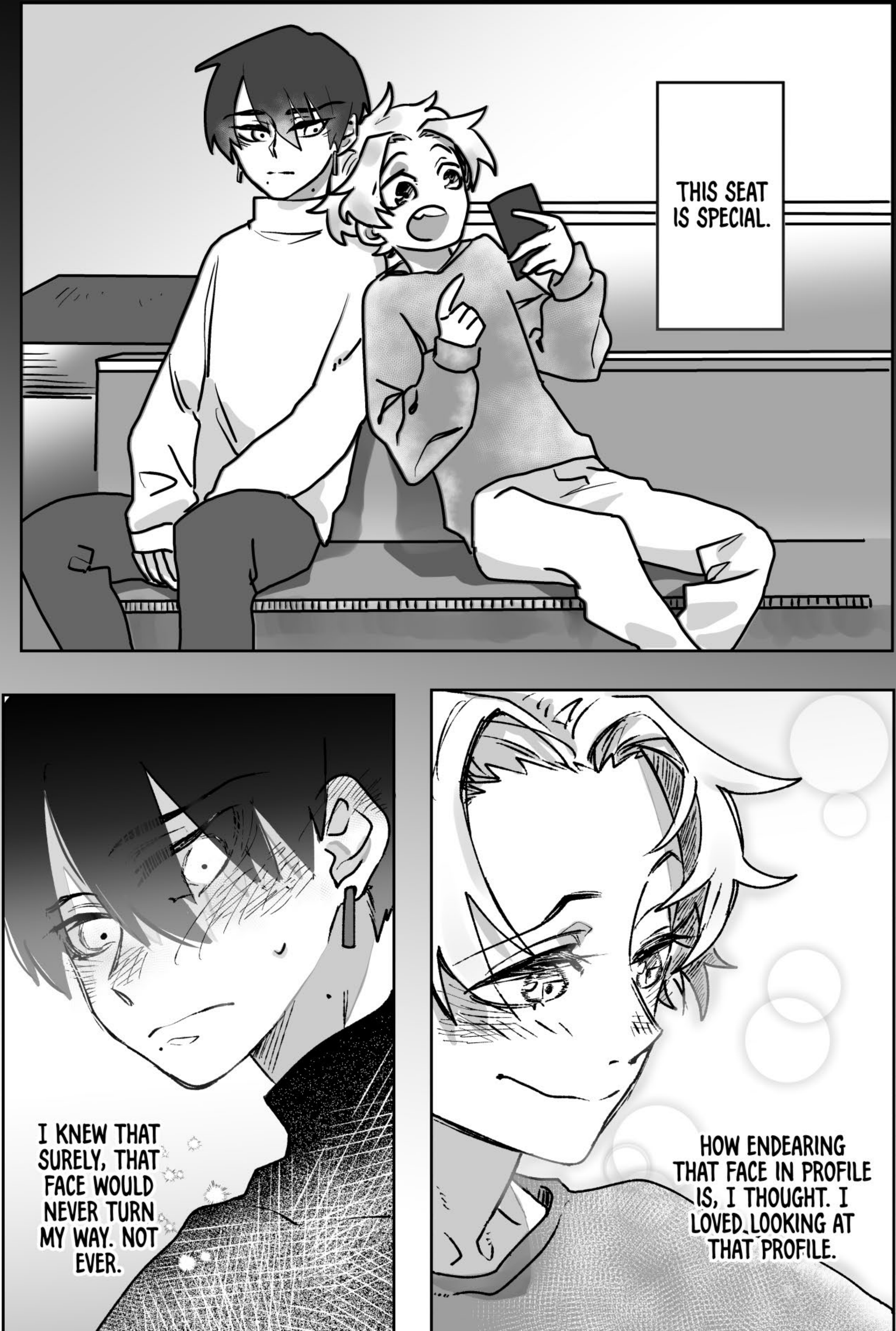

I WEAR WHAT I WANT, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BE A MAN, Y'KNOW?
WHY IS IT WHEN I DATE SOMEONE, THEY THINK THEY CAN JUST DEMAND THINGS FROM ME?
THEN THEY HAVE THEIR EXPECTATIONS, AND THEY THINK, "THIS ISN'T HOW I PICTURED IT."
I JUST WANT TO BE MY NORMAL SELF, AND HAVE A NORMAL ROMANCE.
BUT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE NOT "LIKE" ME.
IT BUMS ME OUT, BUT I WONDER, MAYBE THEY CAN'T SEE ME FOR WHO I AM.
...

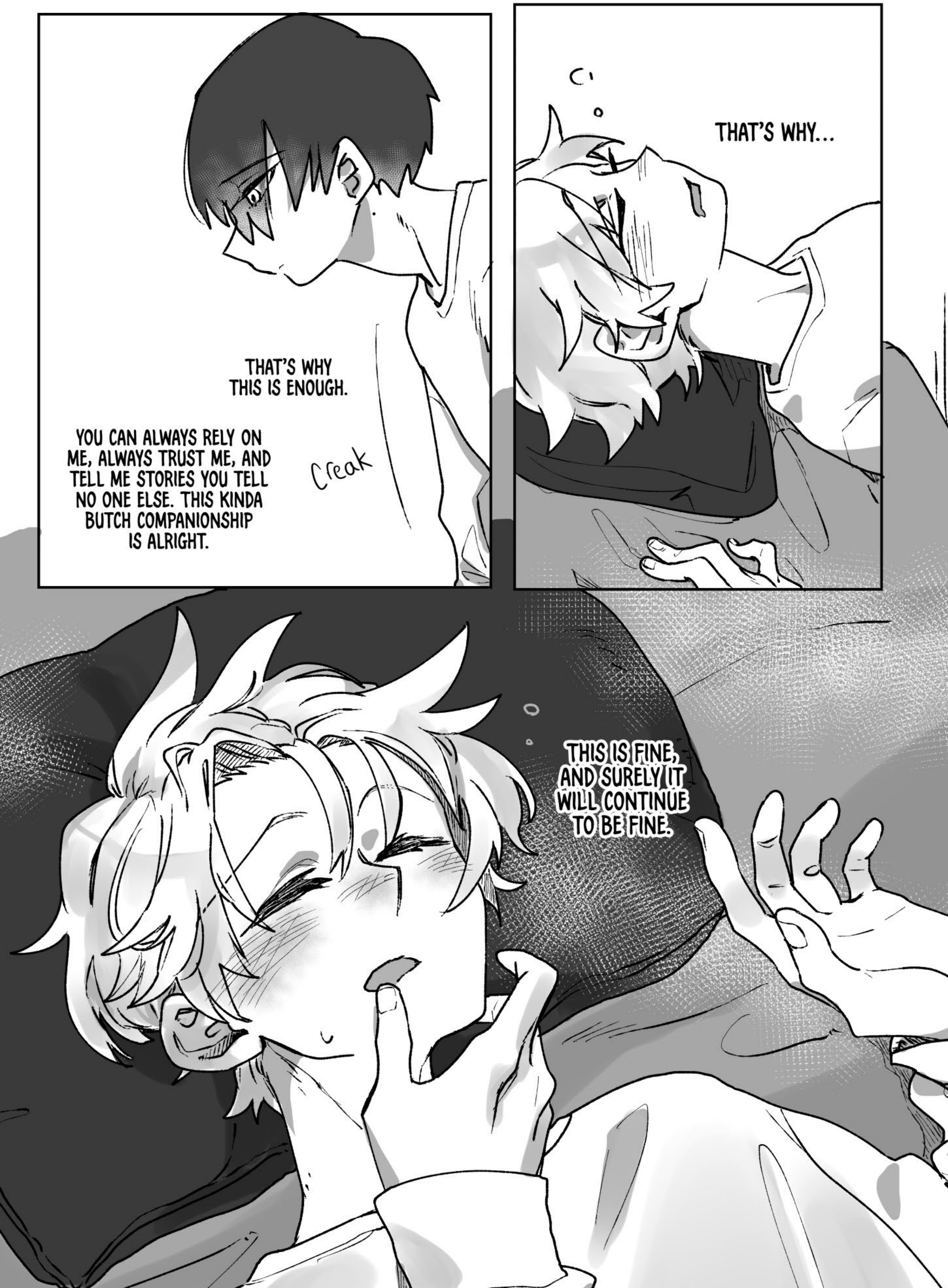

I HATE THIS TREND OF PEOPLE THINKING BUTCHES ARE THE ESCORTS.
I EVENTUALLY WANNA FIND A PARTNER TO CHERISH, NOT SOMEONE TO PAMPER.
...
...THAT SO?
...
THEN,
WHY NOT TRY ME?
I'M WITH YOU IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH... I MEAN, I'M HERE.
IS THIS A WEDDING?! IT'S TRUE, YOU'RE IRREPLACEABLE, NOZOMIII!!
I'M SERIOUS, THOUGH.
PFFFT! LOOOOL!!
WASTED, HUH...

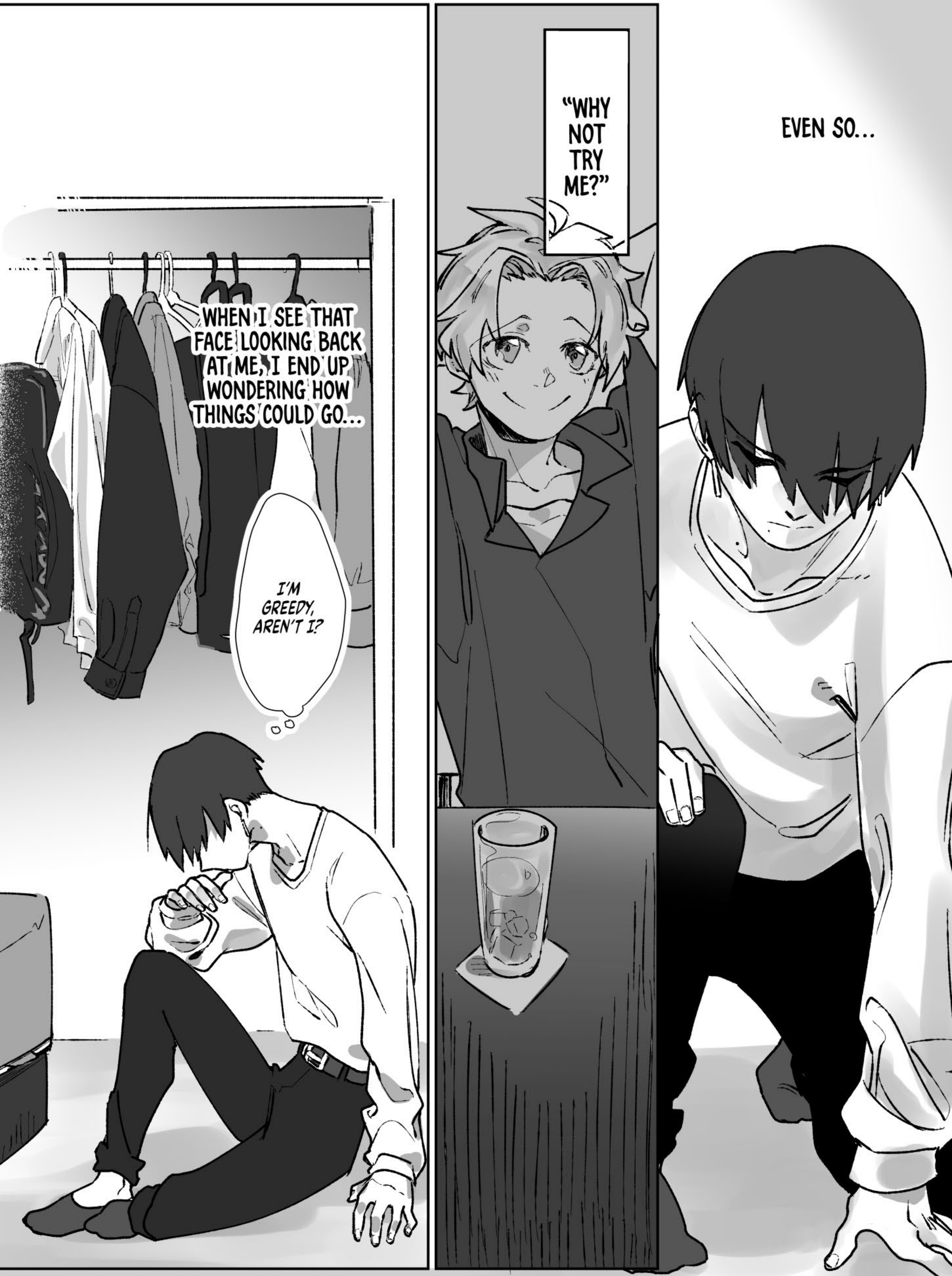

EAGER
IN THAT CASE, LET'S SHEAL IT WITH A KISS! KISHY KISHY!
WELL,
NO MATTER WHAT I SAY DRUNK, SHE WON'T TAKE IT SERI—...
CLATTER
OH-
AND SO WE ARRIVE HERE.

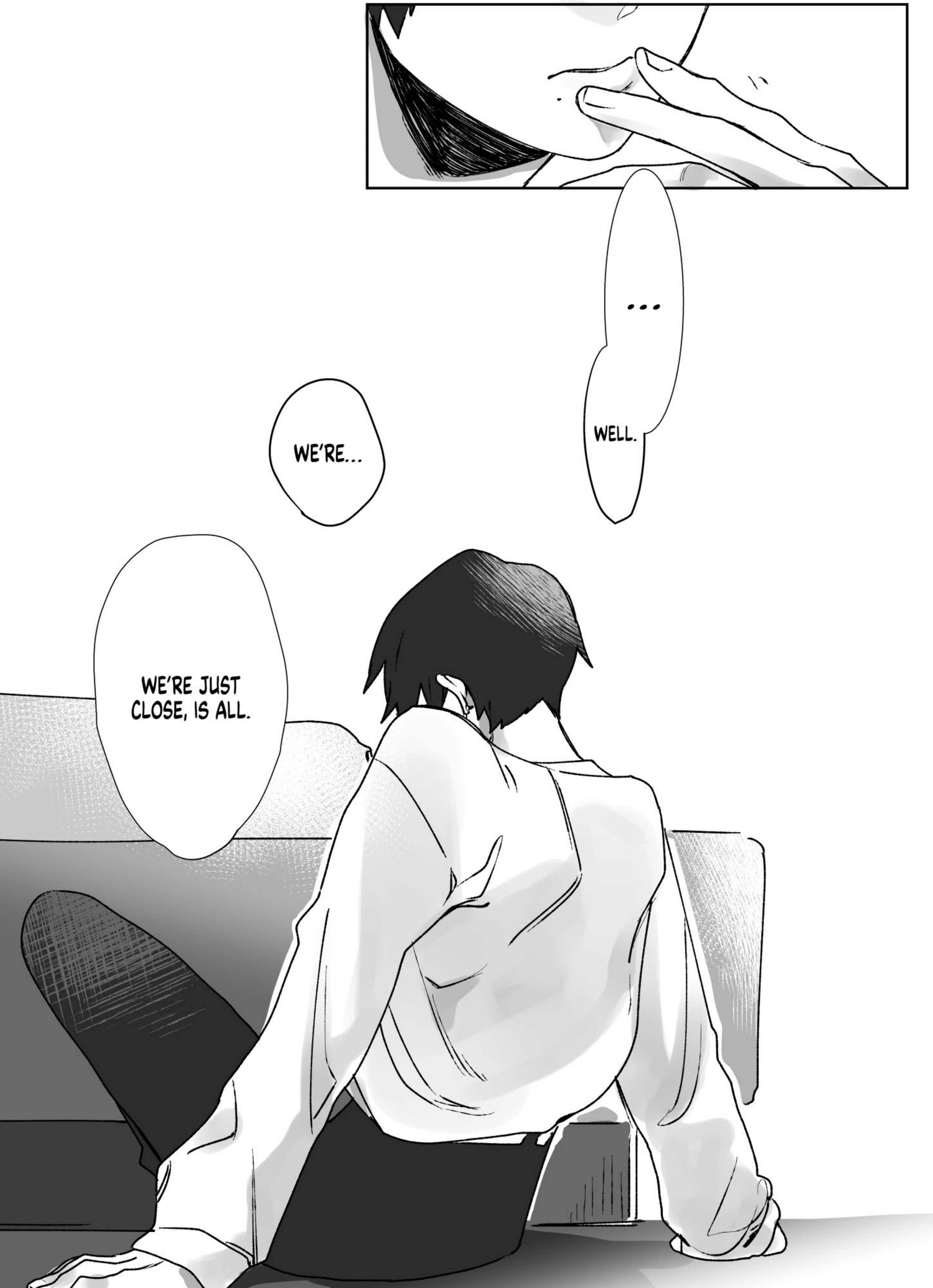

...OH HOOOO.
THIS TIME WASN'T HALF BAD, EHHH?
...
RE-CENTLY,
I'VE BEEN ENLIGHTENED BY THIS MASS OF EARTHLY DESIRES IN FRONT OF ME.
HEY! WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO PURIFY!?
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS WAS OUR FIRST TIME.

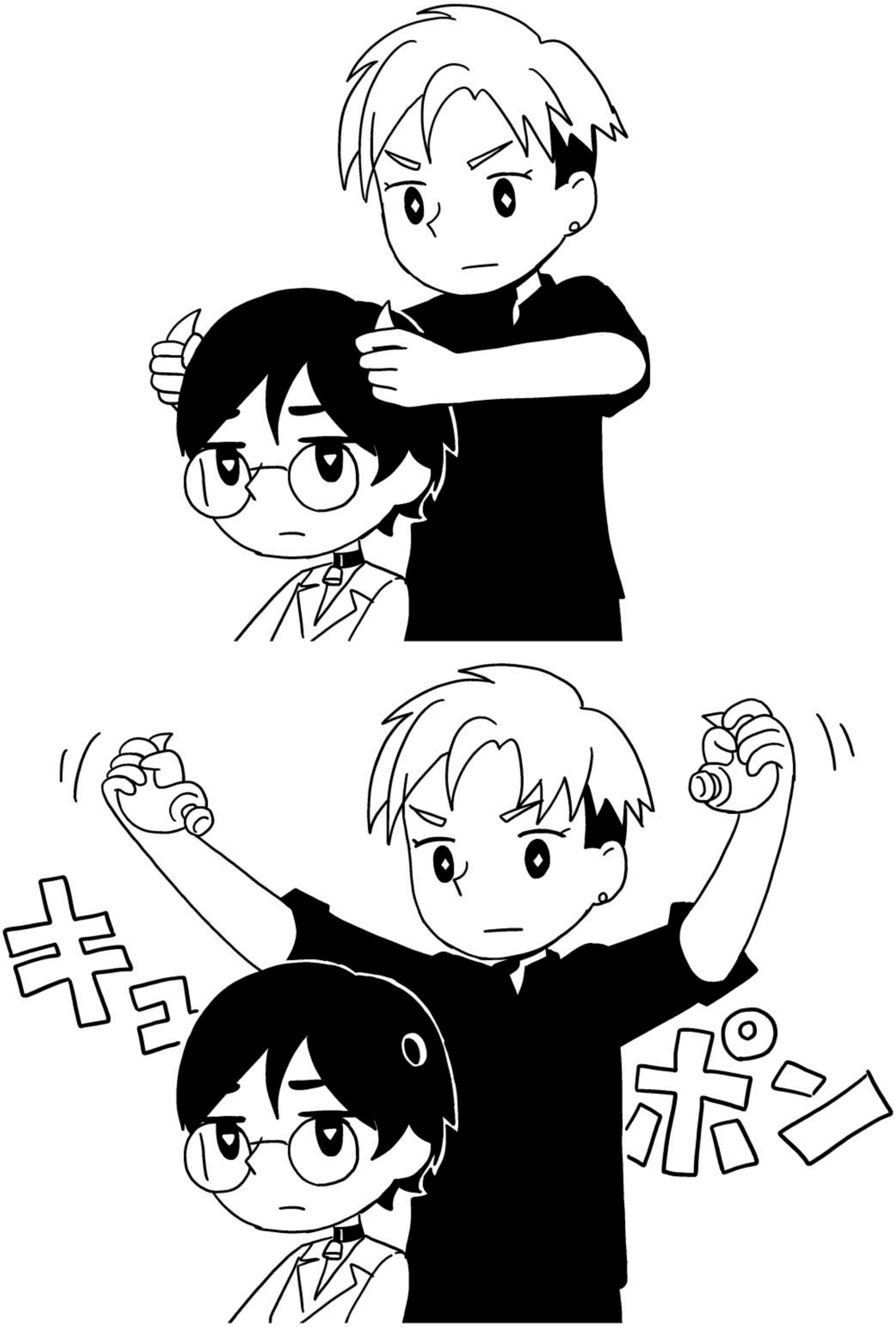

BAR
BIRD HOUSE
HARU'S LOVE LIFE TALK IS ALWAYS A SIDE DISH TO OUR DRINKING,
SO I'VE GOTTEN USED TO RELIEVING HER WHEN SHE GETS DRUNK LIKE THIS.
WE'VE KISSED ON BAR STOOLS.
OF COURSE, I WAS SURPRISED AT FIRST.
I LONGED TO BE COOL, AND CUT MY HAIR.
BREASTS + BINDER = FLAT CHEST
I SEARCHED FOR THE ANSWER TO WHAT COOL WAS.
THESE DAYS, I SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU THAN ANYONE ELSE.
SURELY, I KNOW YOU BETTER THAN FAMILY.


THIS SEAT IS SPECIAL.
HOW ENDEARING THAT FACE IN PROFILE IS, I THOUGHT. I LOVED LOOKING AT THAT PROFILE.
I KNEW THAT SURELY, THAT FACE WOULD NEVER TURN MY WAY. NOT EVER.


THAT'S WHY THIS IS ENOUGH.
YOU CAN ALWAYS RELY ON ME, ALWAYS TRUST ME, AND TELL ME STORIES YOU TELL NO ONE ELSE. THIS KINDA BUTCH COMPANIONSHIP IS ALRIGHT.
Creak
THAT'S WHY...
THIS IS FINE, AND SURELY IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE FINE.


EVEN SO...
"WHY NOT TRY ME?"
WHEN I SEE THAT FACE LOOKING BACK AT ME, I END UP WONDERING HOW THINGS COULD GO...
I'M GREEDY, AREN'T I?


...
WELL.
WE'RE...
WE'RE JUST CLOSE, IS ALL.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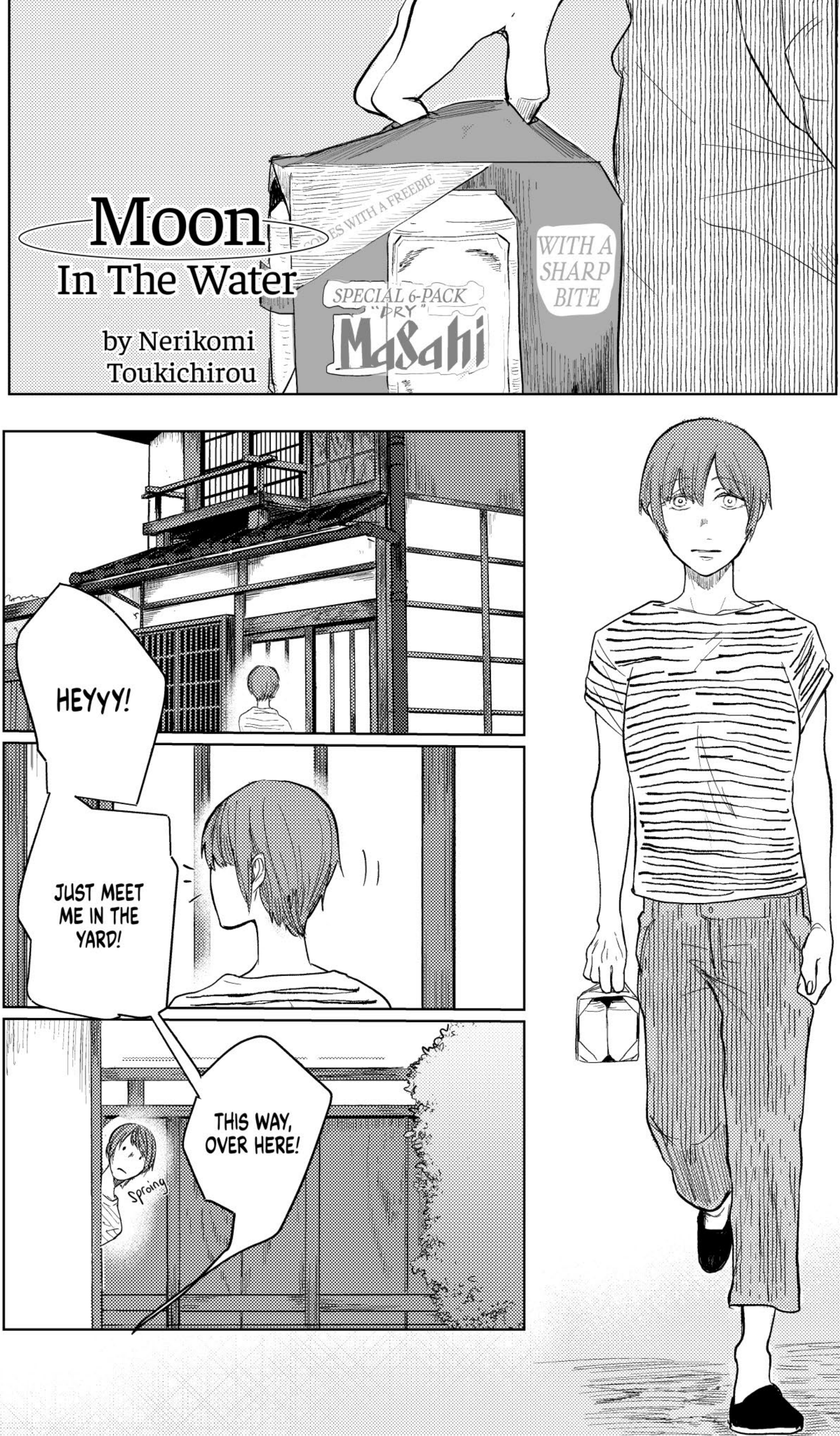
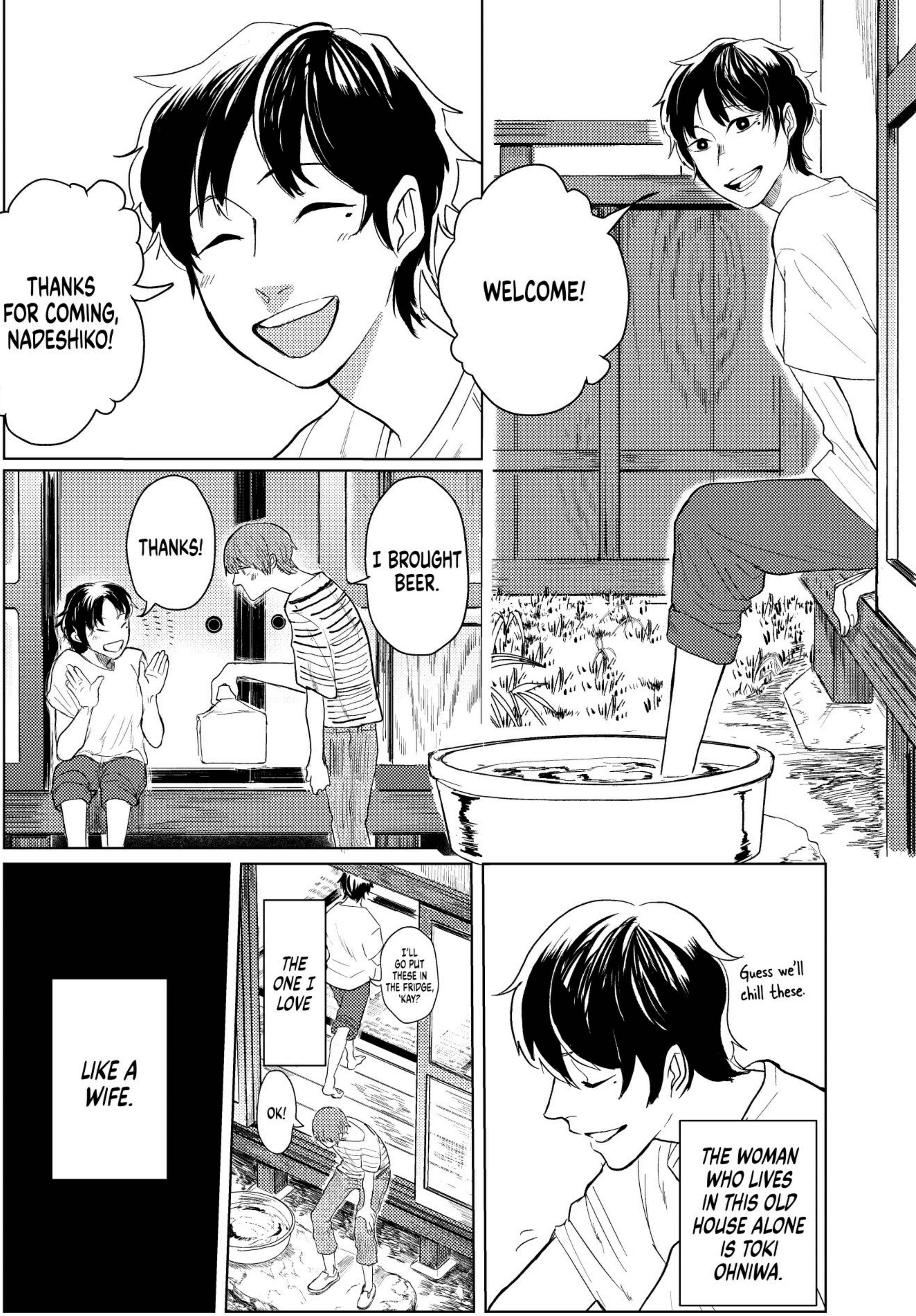
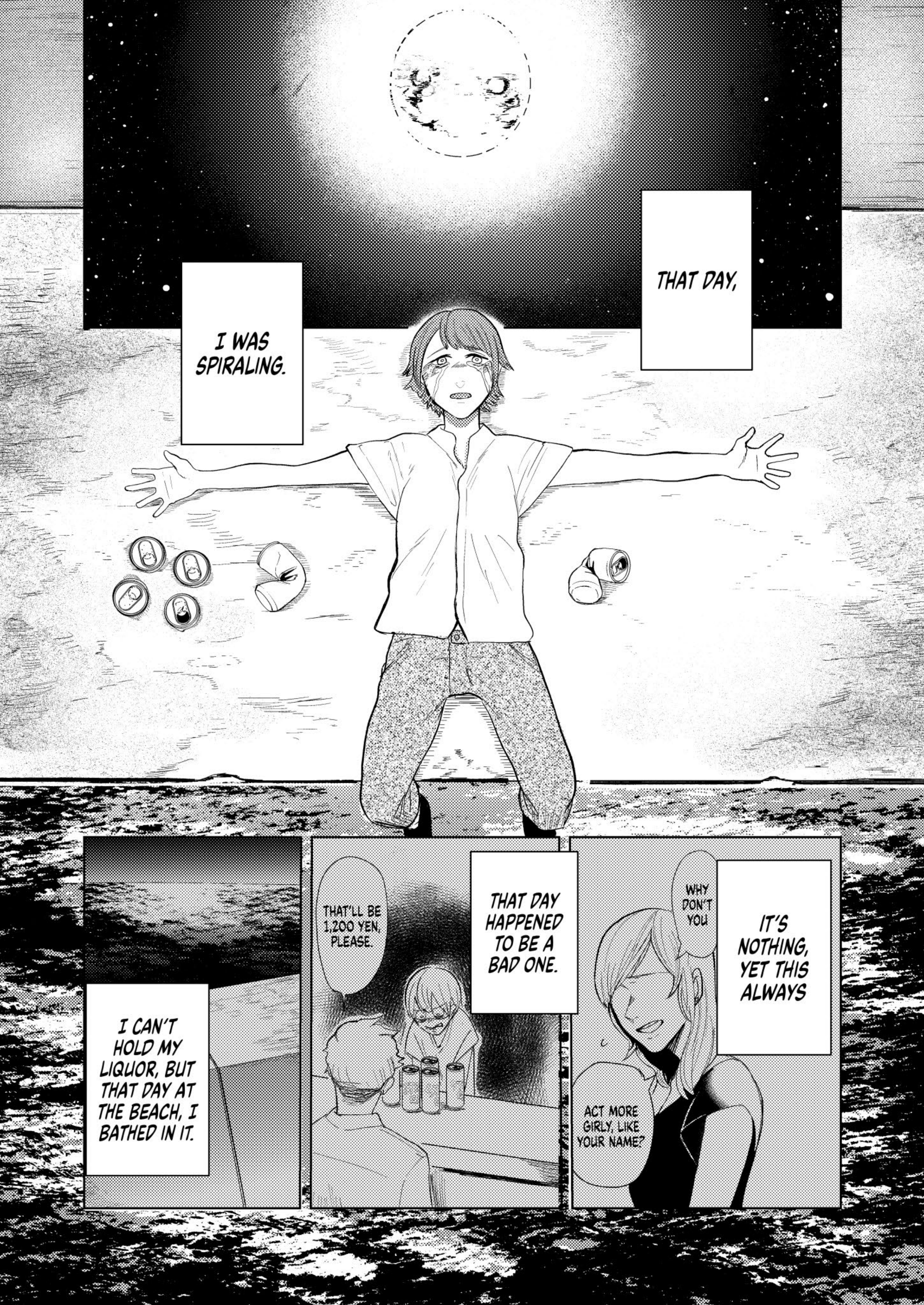
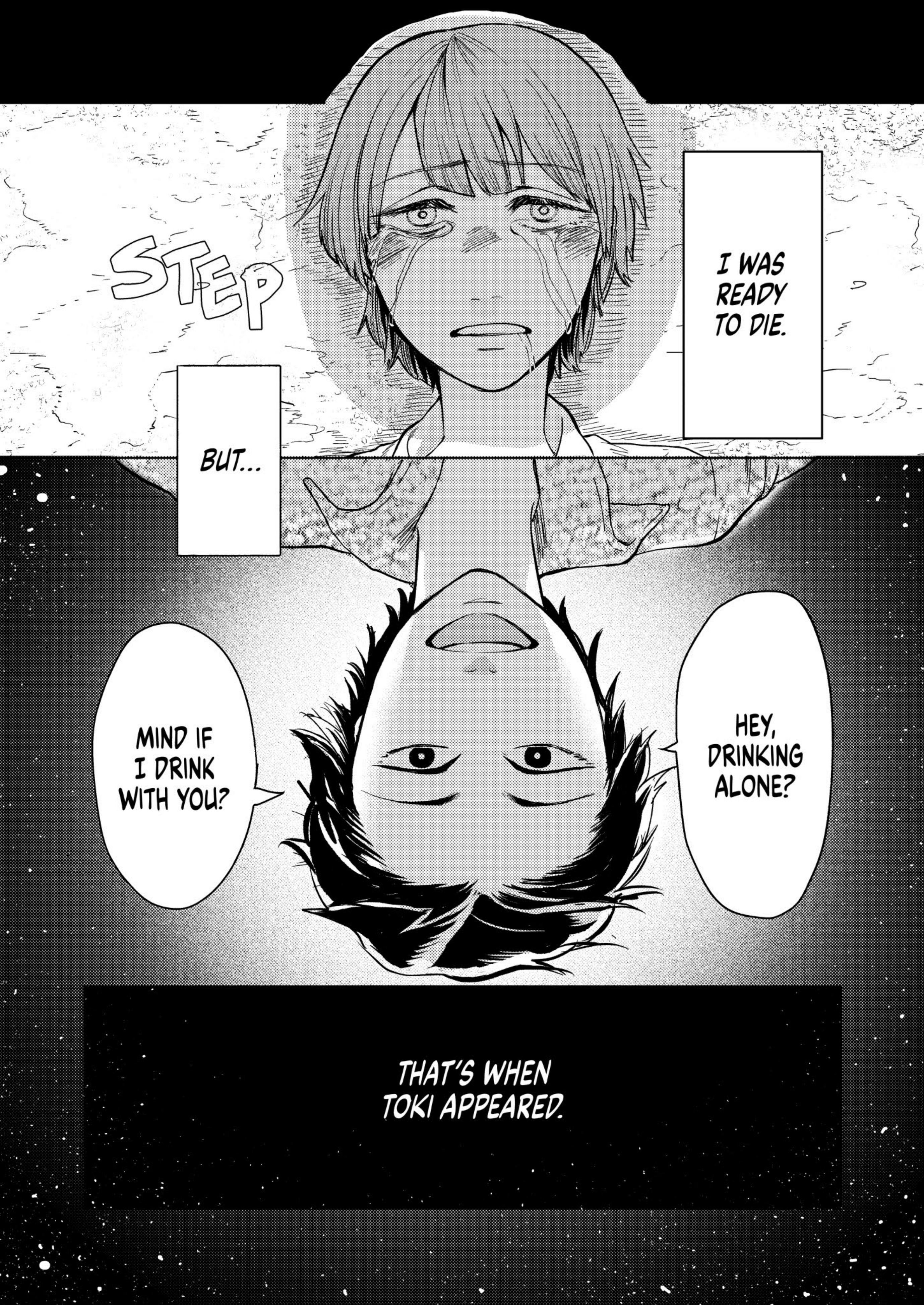
Moon In The Water

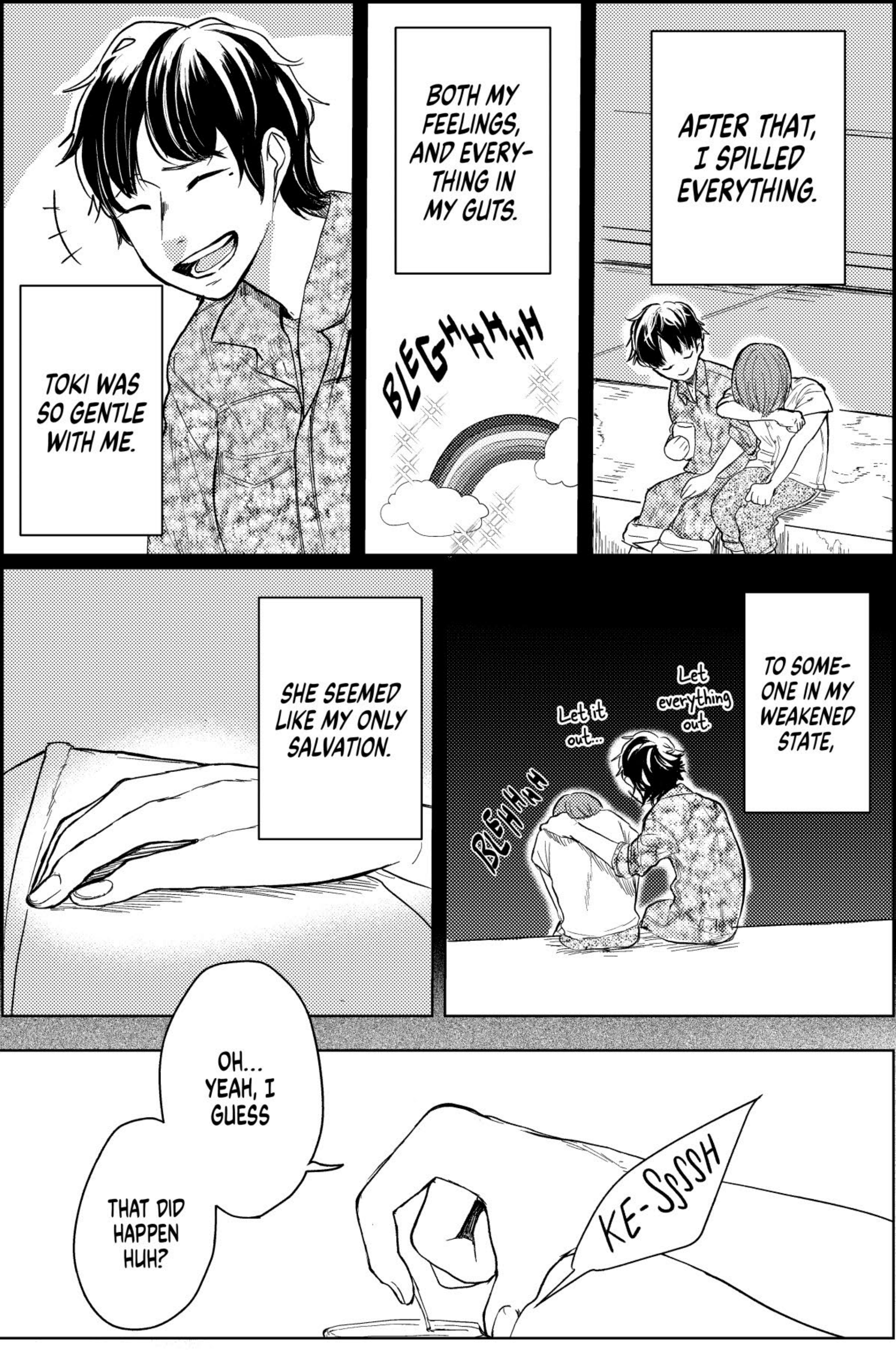
by Nerikomi Toukichirou

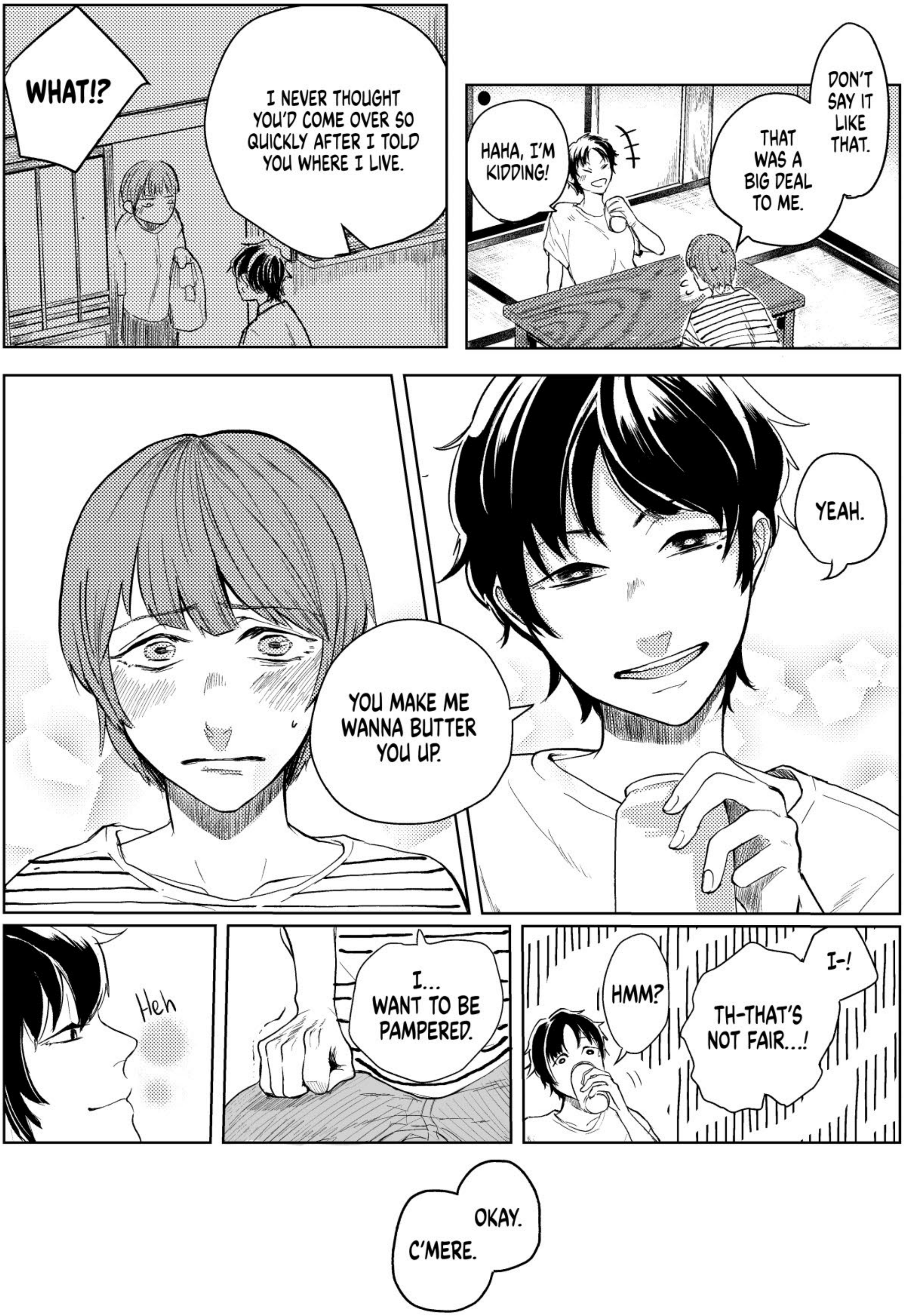

WITH A SHARP BITE
COMES WITH A FREEBIE
SPECIAL 6-PACK
"DRY"
MaSahi
HEYYY!
JUST MEET ME IN THE YARD!
THIS WAY, OVER HERE!
Sproing

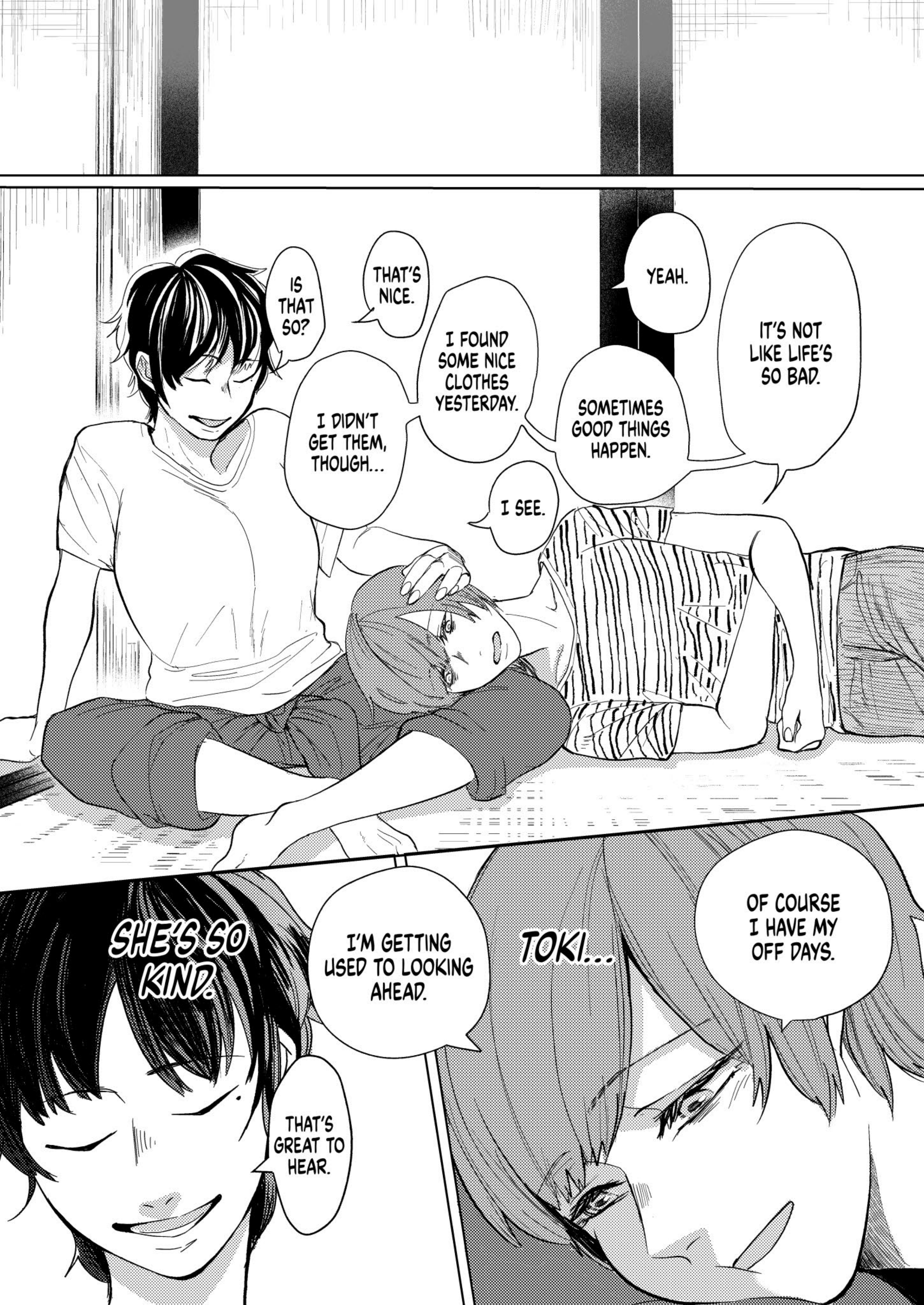

WELCOME!
THANKS FOR COMING, NADESHIKO!
I BROUGHT BEER.
THANKS!
Guess we'll chill these.
THE WOMAN WHO LIVES IN THIS OLD HOUSE ALONE IS TOKI OHNIWA.
I'LL GO PUT THESE IN THE FRIDGE, 'KAY?
THE ONE I LOVE
OK!
LIKE A WIFE.

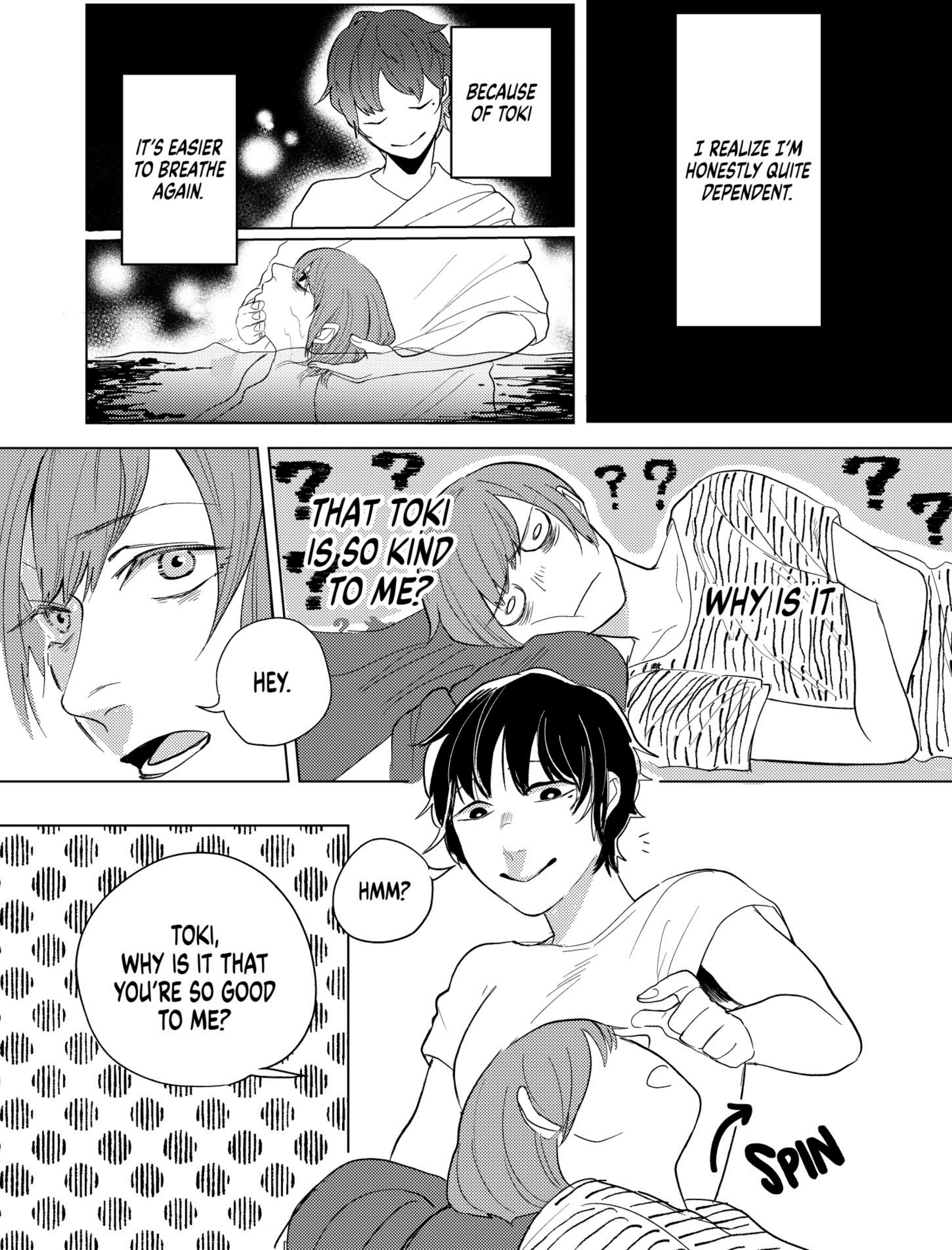

THAT DAY,
I WAS SPIRALING.
IT'S NOTHING, YET THIS ALWAYS
WHY DON'T YOU
ACT MORE GIRLY, LIKE YOUR NAME?
THAT DAY HAPPENED TO BE A BAD ONE.
THAT'LL BE 1,200 YEN, PLEASE.
I CAN'T HOLD MY LIQUOR, BUT THAT DAY AT THE BEACH, I BATHED IN IT.

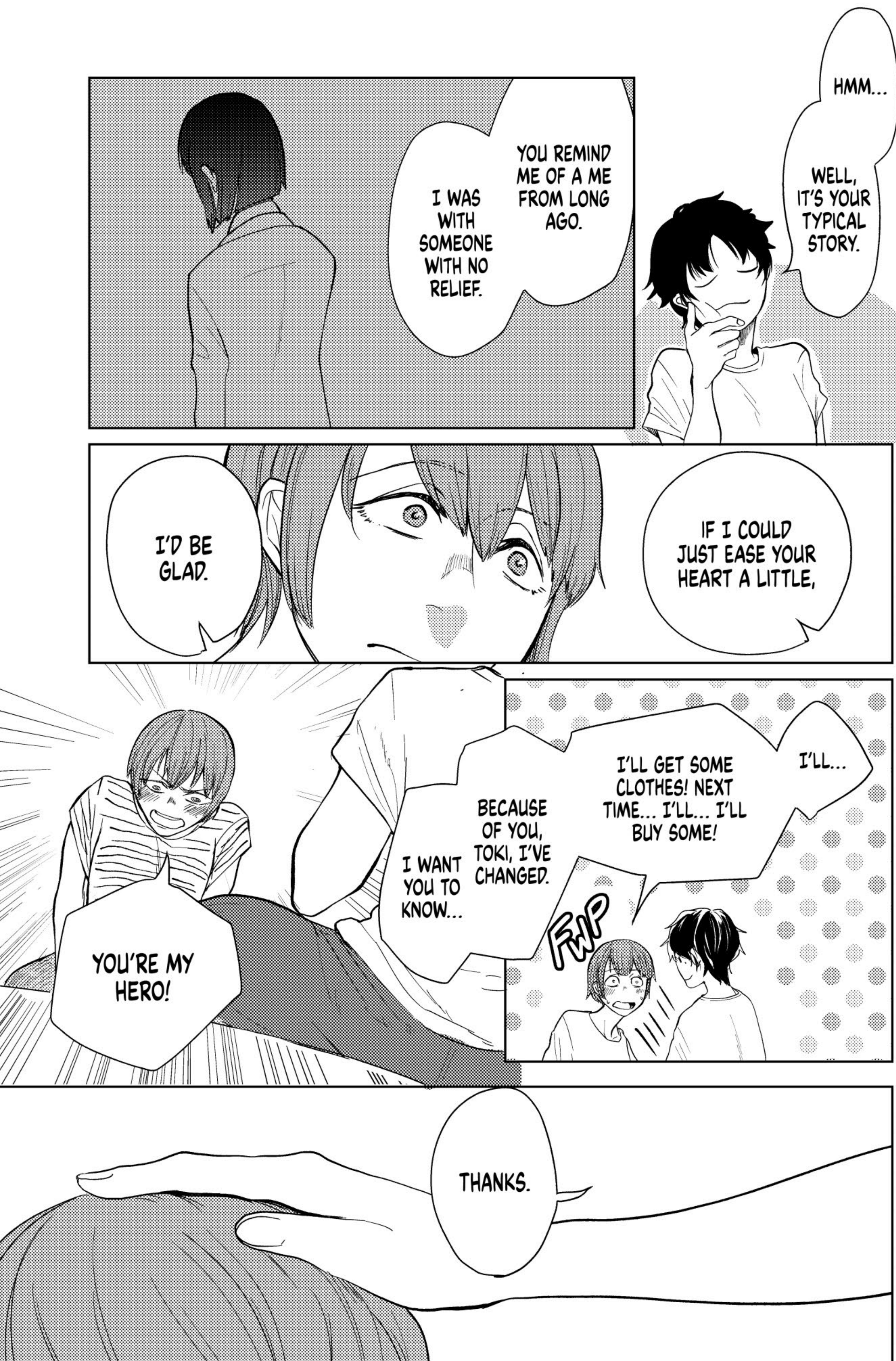

I WAS READY TO DIE.
STEP
BUT...
HEY, DRINKING ALONE?
MIND IF I DRINK WITH YOU?
THAT'S WHEN TOKI APPEARED.

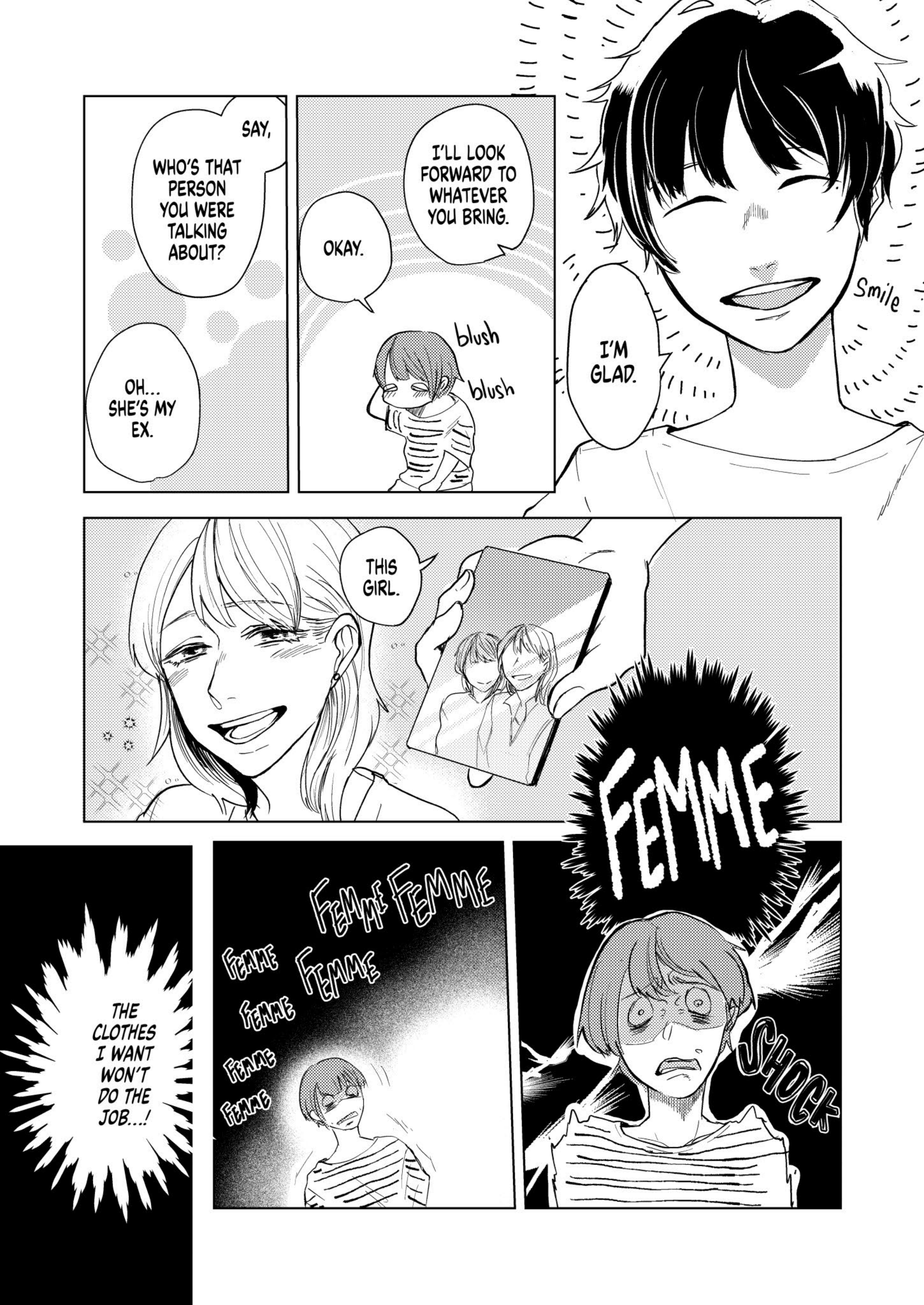

AFTER THAT, I SPILLED EVERYTHING.
BOTH MY FEELINGS, AND EVERYTHING IN MY GUTS.
BLEGHHHHH
TOKI WAS SO GENTLE WITH ME.
TO SOMEONE IN MY WEAKENED STATE,
Let everything out.
Let it out...
BLEGHHHH
SHE SEEMED LIKE MY ONLY SALVATION.
KE-SSSSH
OH... YEAH, I GUESS
THAT DID HAPPEN HUH?

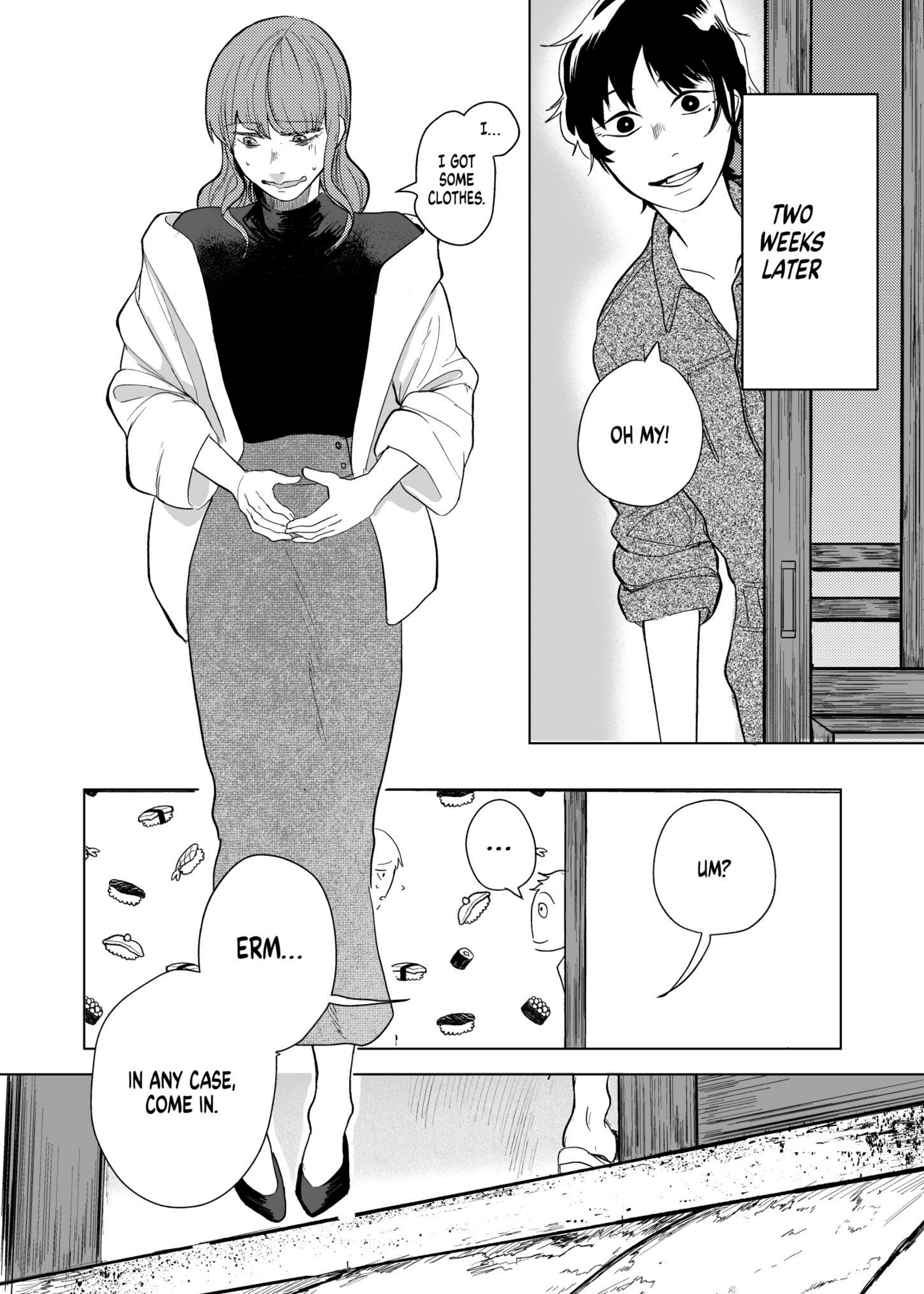

I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D COME OVER SO QUICKLY AFTER I TOLD YOU WHERE I LIVE.
WHAT!?
HAHA, I'M KIDDING!
THAT WAS A BIG DEAL TO ME.
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT.
YOU MAKE ME WANNA BUTTER YOU UP.
YEAH.
Heh
I... WANT TO BE PAMPERED.
HMM?
TH-THAT'S NOT FAIR...!
I-!
OKAY. C'MERE.

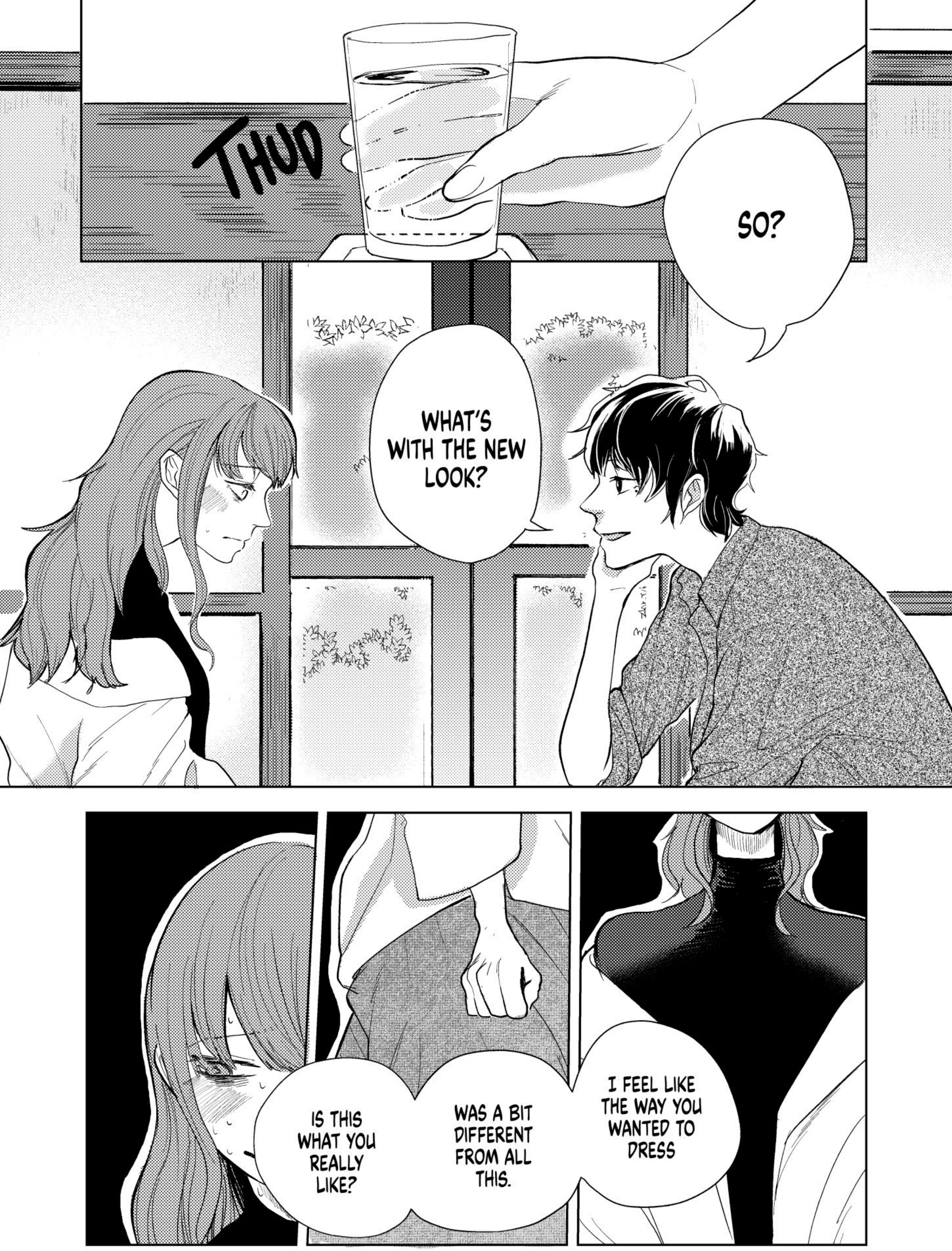

YEAH.
IT'S NOT LIKE LIFE'S SO BAD.
SOMETIMES GOOD THINGS HAPPEN.
I FOUND SOME NICE CLOTHES YESTERDAY.
THAT'S NICE.
I DIDN'T GET THEM, THOUGH...
IS THAT SO?
I SEE.
OF COURSE I HAVE MY OFF DAYS.
TOKI...
I'M GETTING USED TO LOOKING AHEAD.
SHE'S SO KIND.
THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR.

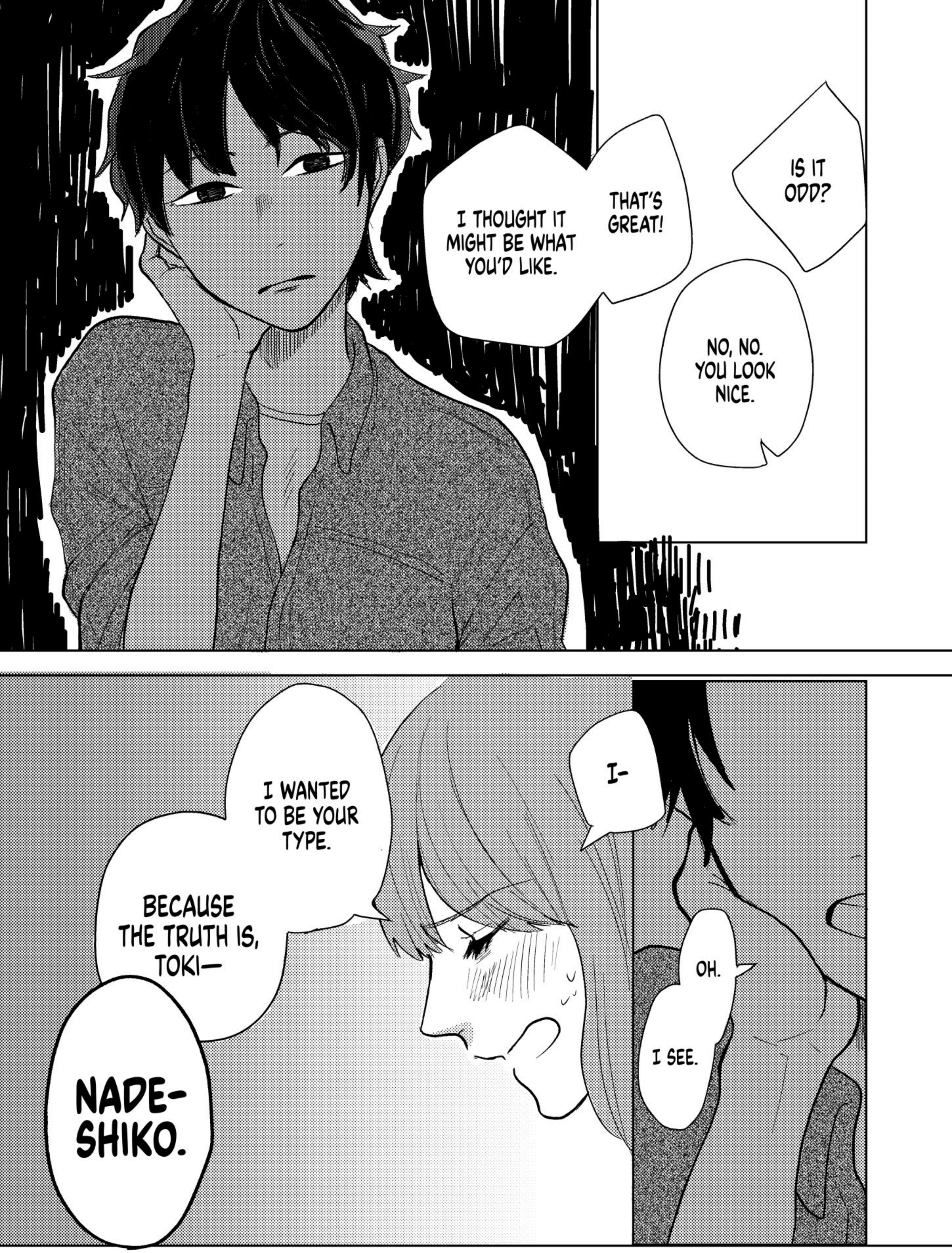

I REALIZE I'M HONESTLY QUITE DEPENDENT.
BECAUSE OF TOKI
IT'S EASIER TO BREATHE AGAIN.
WHY IS IT
THAT TOKI IS SO KIND TO ME?
HEY.
HMM?
SPIN
TOKI, WHY IS IT THAT YOU'RE SO GOOD TO ME?

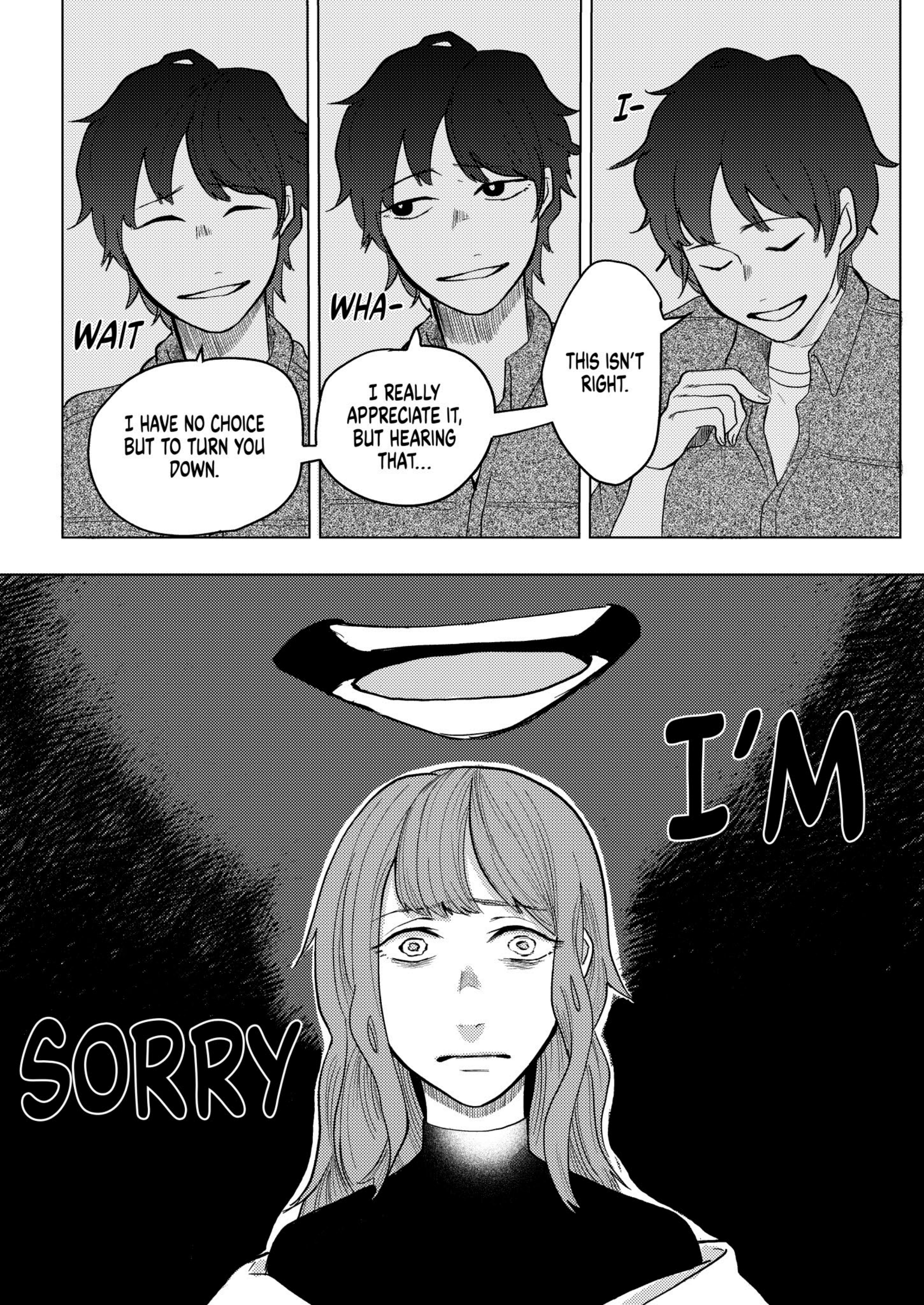

HMM...
WELL, IT'S YOUR TYPICAL STORY.
YOU REMIND ME OF A ME FROM LONG AGO.
I WAS WITH SOMEONE WITH NO RELIEF.
IF I COULD JUST EASE YOUR HEART A LITTLE,
I'D BE GLAD.
I'LL...
I'LL GET SOME CLOTHES! NEXT TIME... I'LL... I'LL BUY SOME!
FWP
BECAUSE OF YOU, TOKI, I'VE CHANGED.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW...
YOU'RE MY HERO!
THANKS.

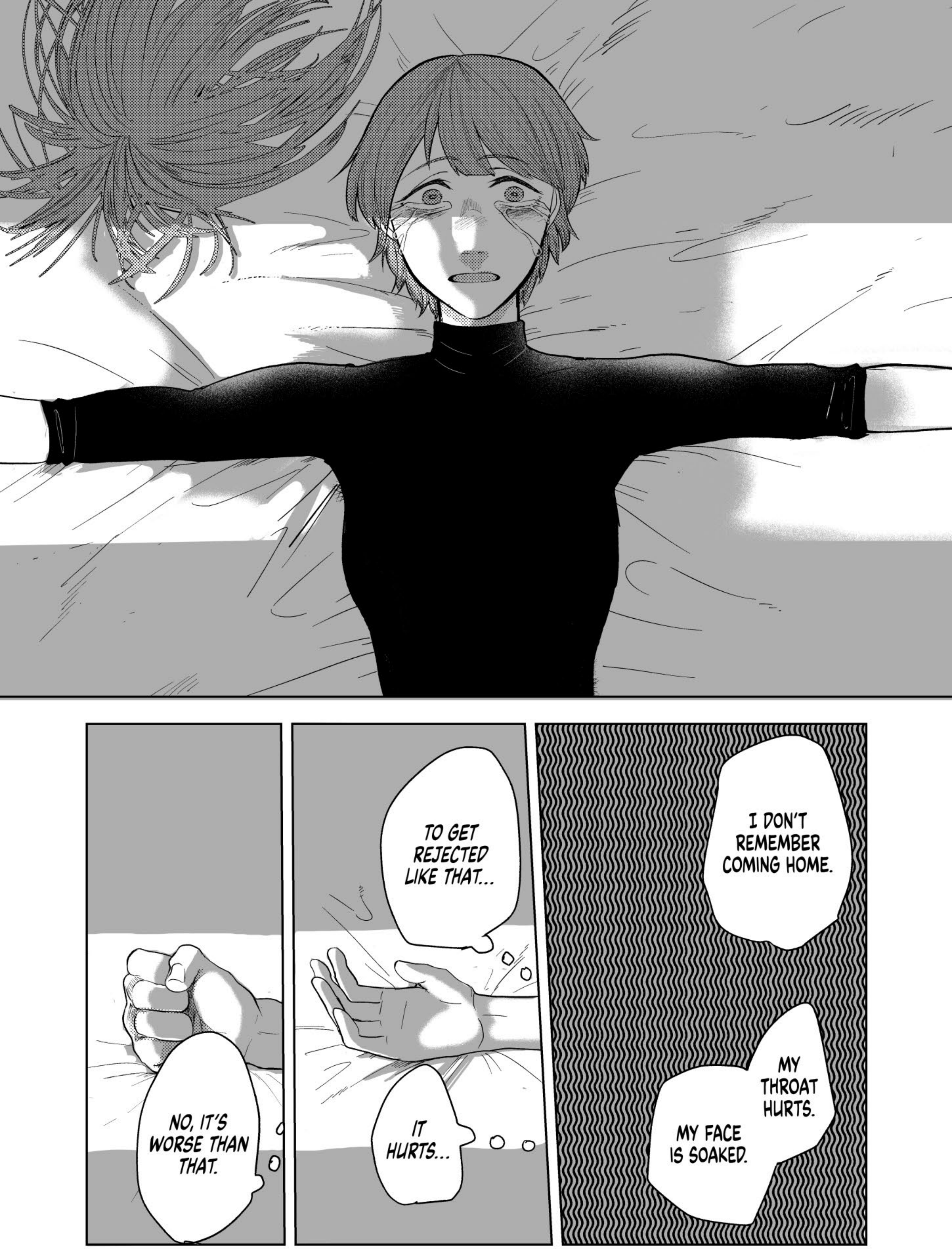

I'M GLAD.
Smile
I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO WHATEVER YOU BRING.
OKAY.
blush
blush
SAY, WHO'S THAT PERSON YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
OH... SHE'S MY EX.
THIS GIRL.
FEMME
SHOCK
FEMME FEMME
FEMME
FEMME
FEMME
FEMME
FEMME
THE CLOTHES I WANT WON'T DO THE JOB...!

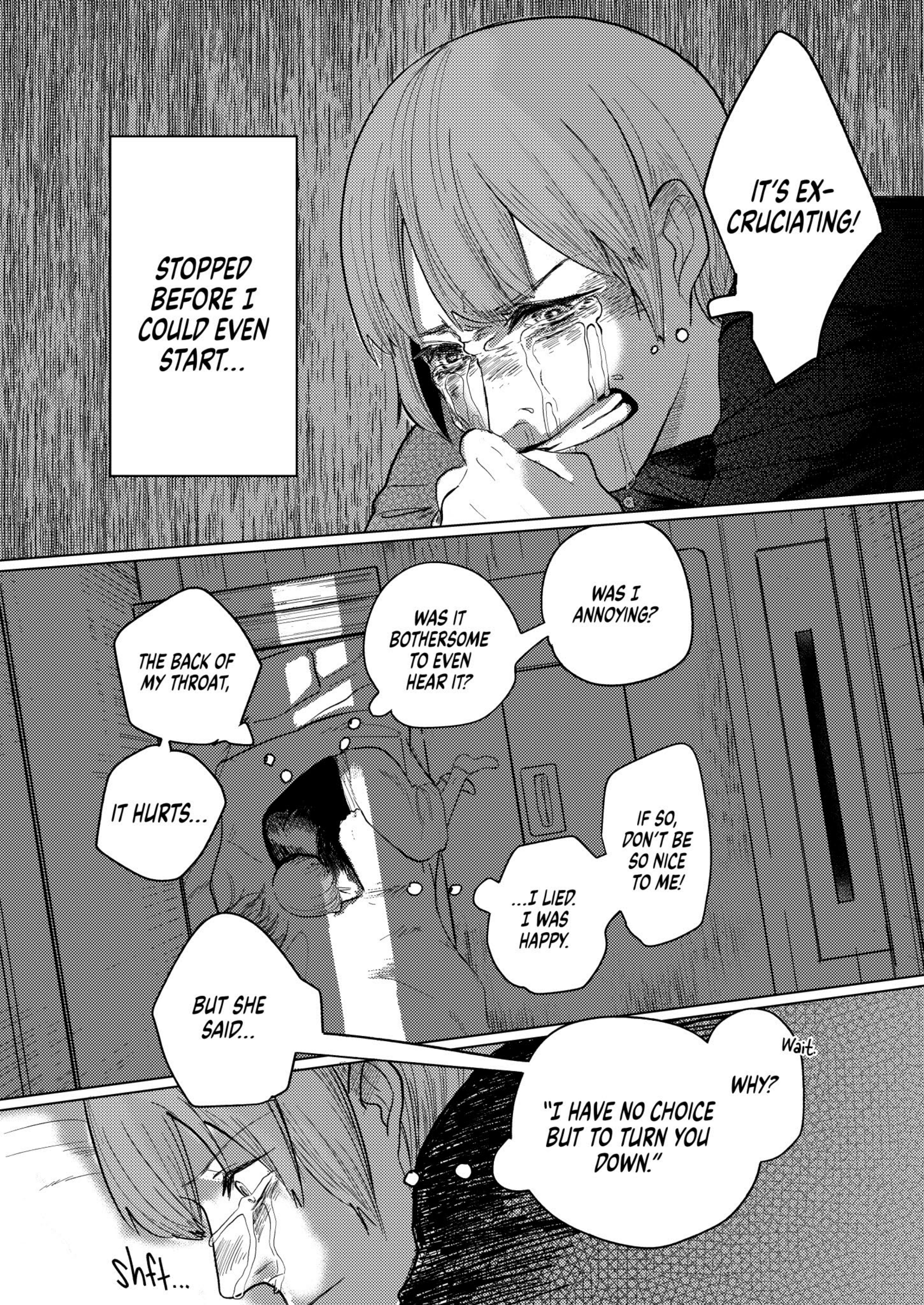

TWO WEEKS LATER
OH MY!
I... I GOT SOME CLOTHES.
UM?
...
ERM...
IN ANY CASE, COME IN.

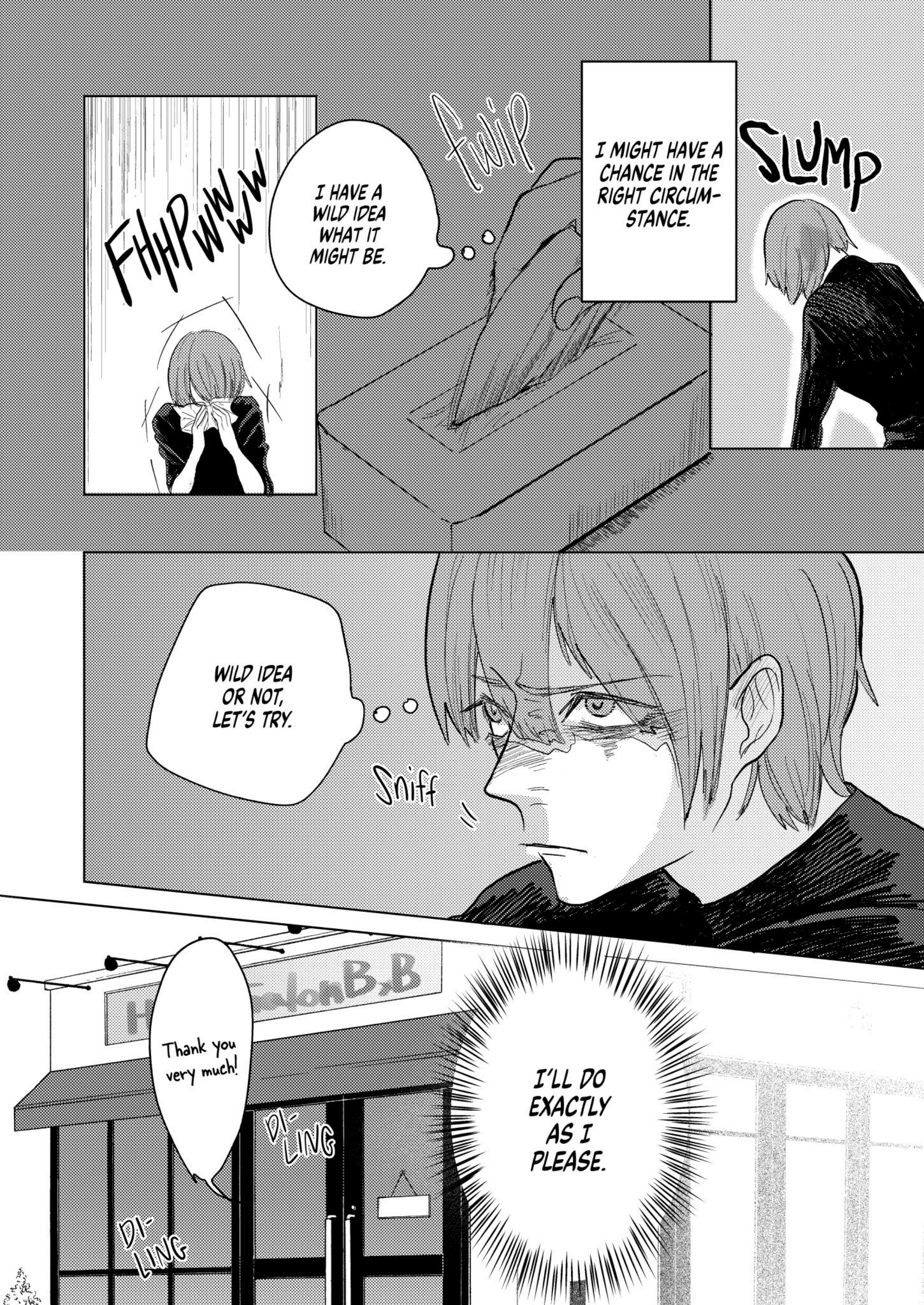

THUD
SO?
WHAT'S WITH THE NEW LOOK?
I FEEL LIKE THE WAY YOU WANTED TO DRESS
WAS A BIT DIFFERENT FROM ALL THIS.
IS THIS WHAT YOU REALLY LIKE?

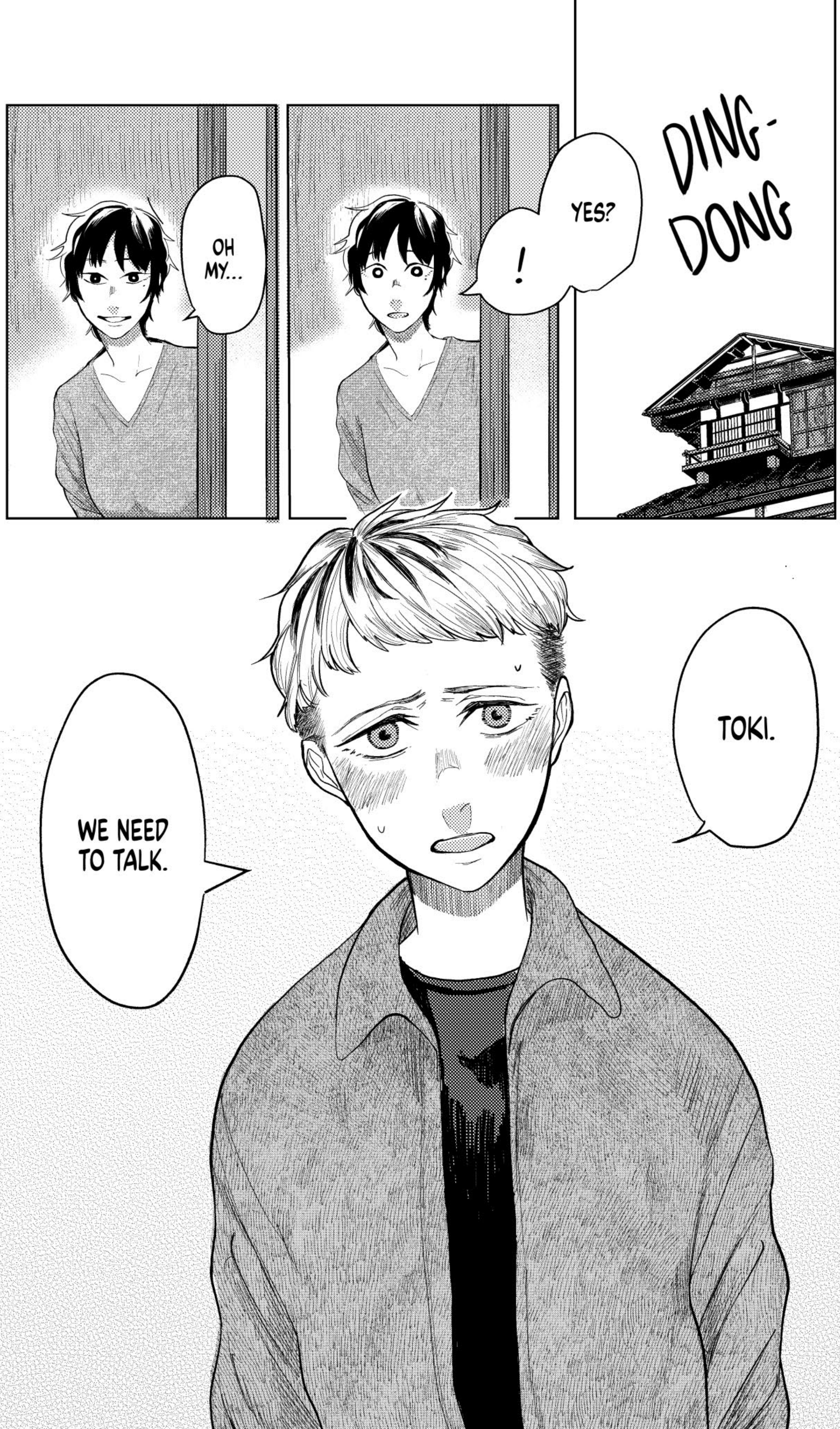

IS IT ODD?
NO, NO. YOU LOOK NICE.
THAT'S GREAT!
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE WHAT YOU'D LIKE.
I-
OH.
I SEE.
I WANTED TO BE YOUR TYPE.
BECAUSE THE TRUTH IS, TOKI—
NADESHIKO.

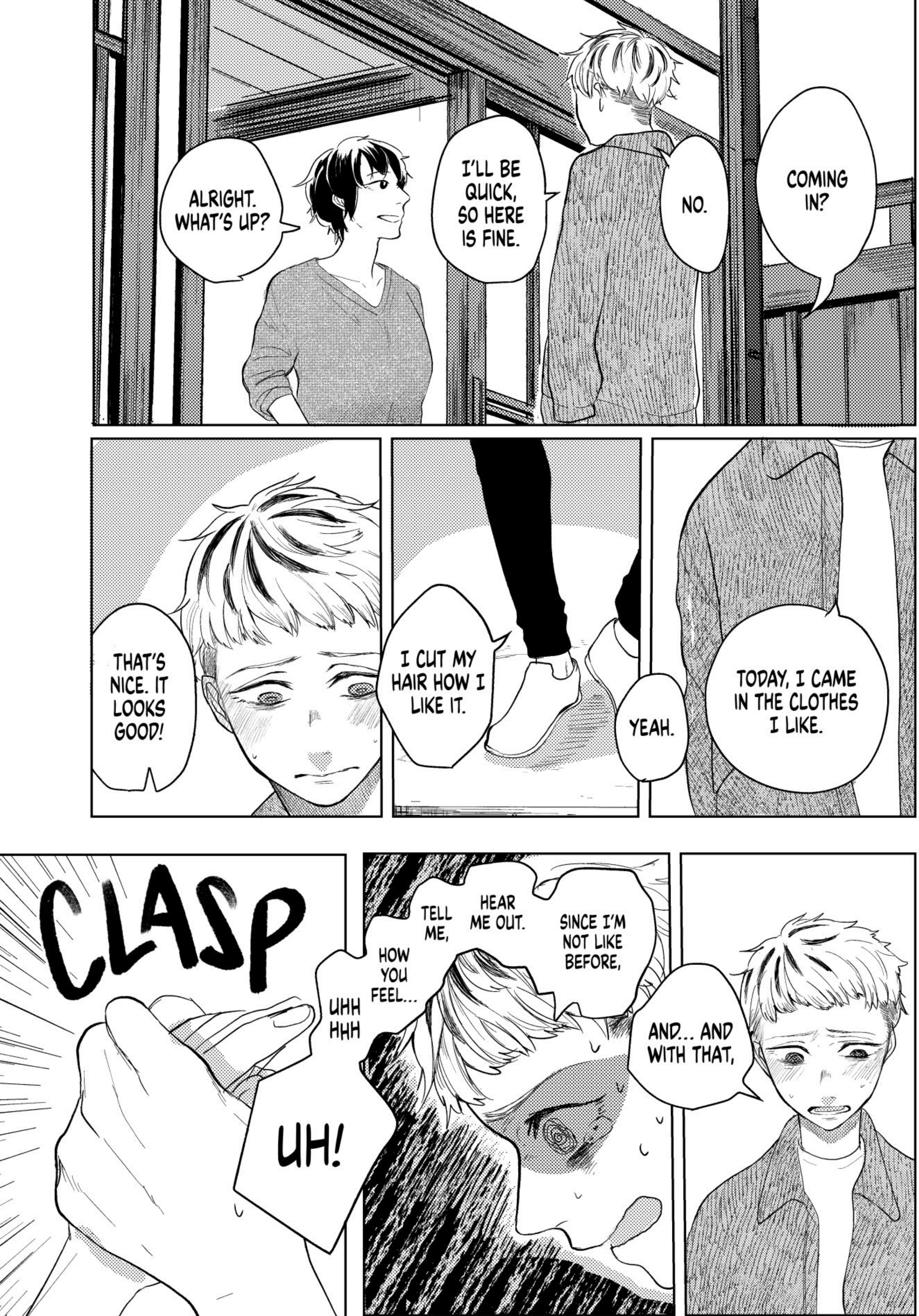

I-
THIS ISN'T RIGHT.
I REALLY APPRECIATE IT, BUT HEARING THAT...
WHA-
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TURN YOU DOWN.
WAIT
I'M
SORRY

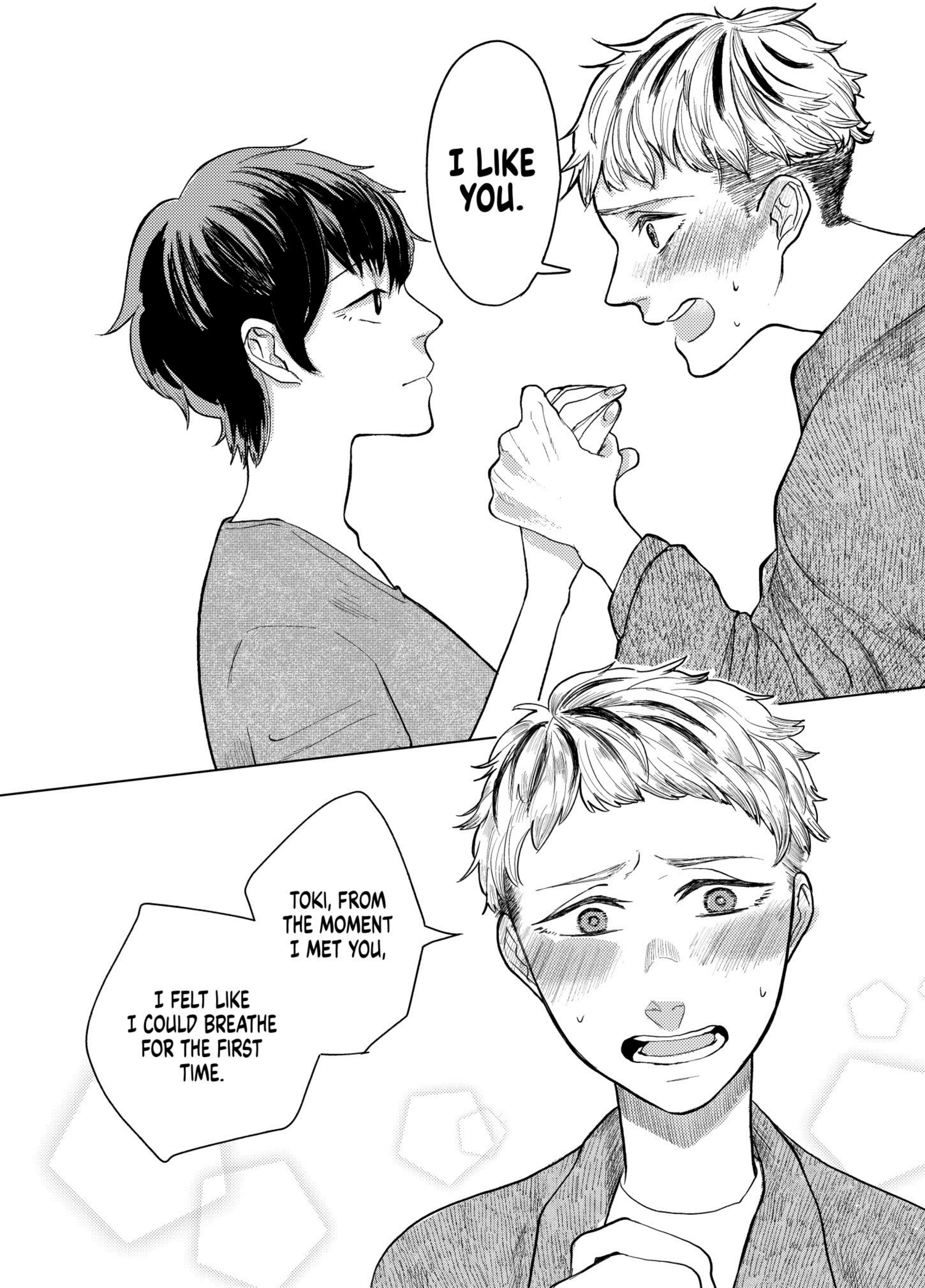

I DON'T REMEMBER COMING HOME.
MY THROAT HURTS.
MY FACE IS SOAKED.
TO GET REJECTED LIKE THAT...
IT HURTS...
NO, IT'S WORSE THAN THAT.

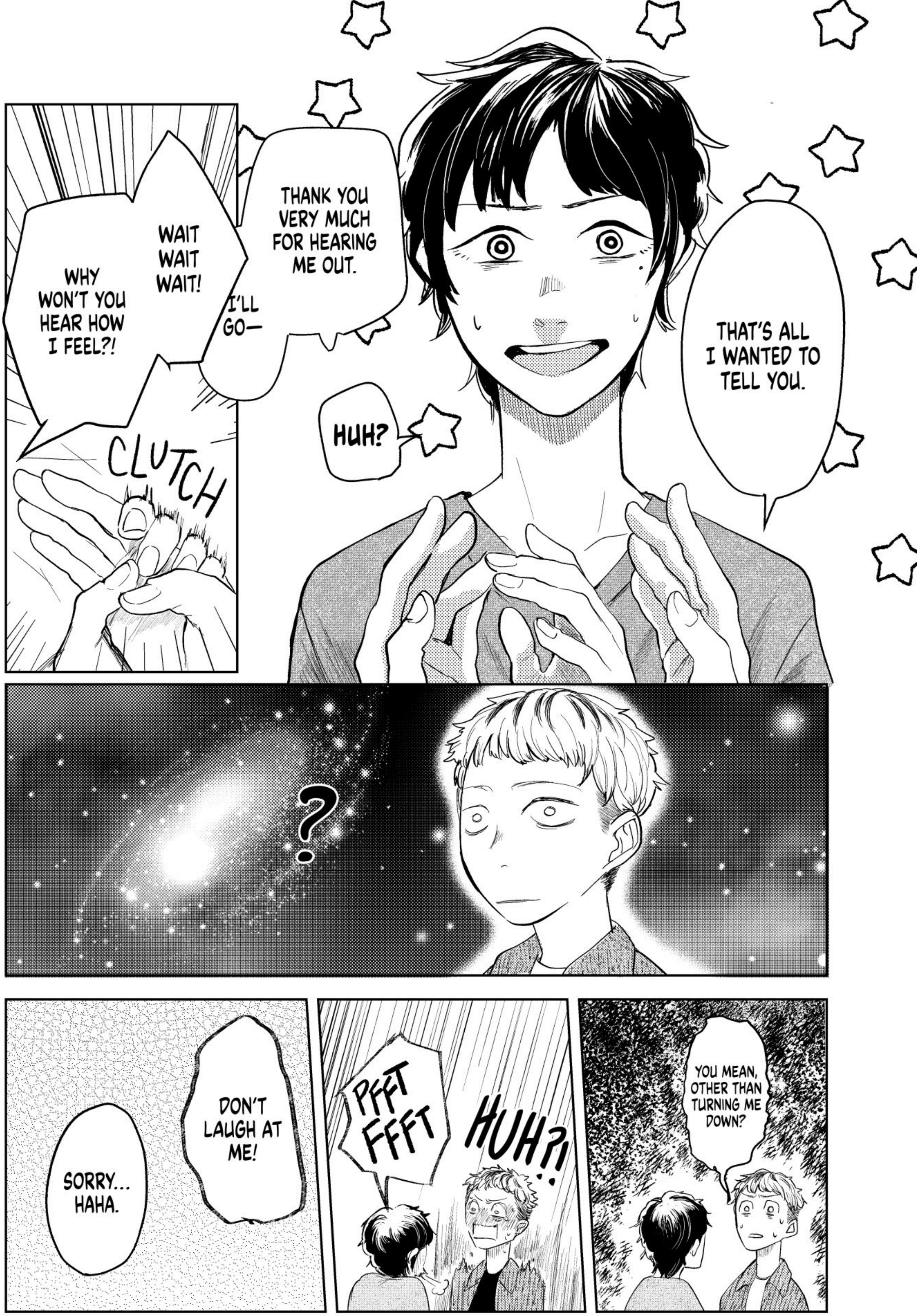

IT'S EXCRUCIATING!
STOPPED BEFORE I COULD EVEN START...
WAS I ANNOYING?
WAS IT BOTHERSOME TO EVEN HEAR IT?
THE BACK OF MY THROAT,
IT HURTS...
IF SO, DON'T BE SO NICE TO ME!
...I LIED. I WAS HAPPY.
BUT SHE SAID...
Wait.
WHY?
"I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TURN YOU DOWN."
Shft...

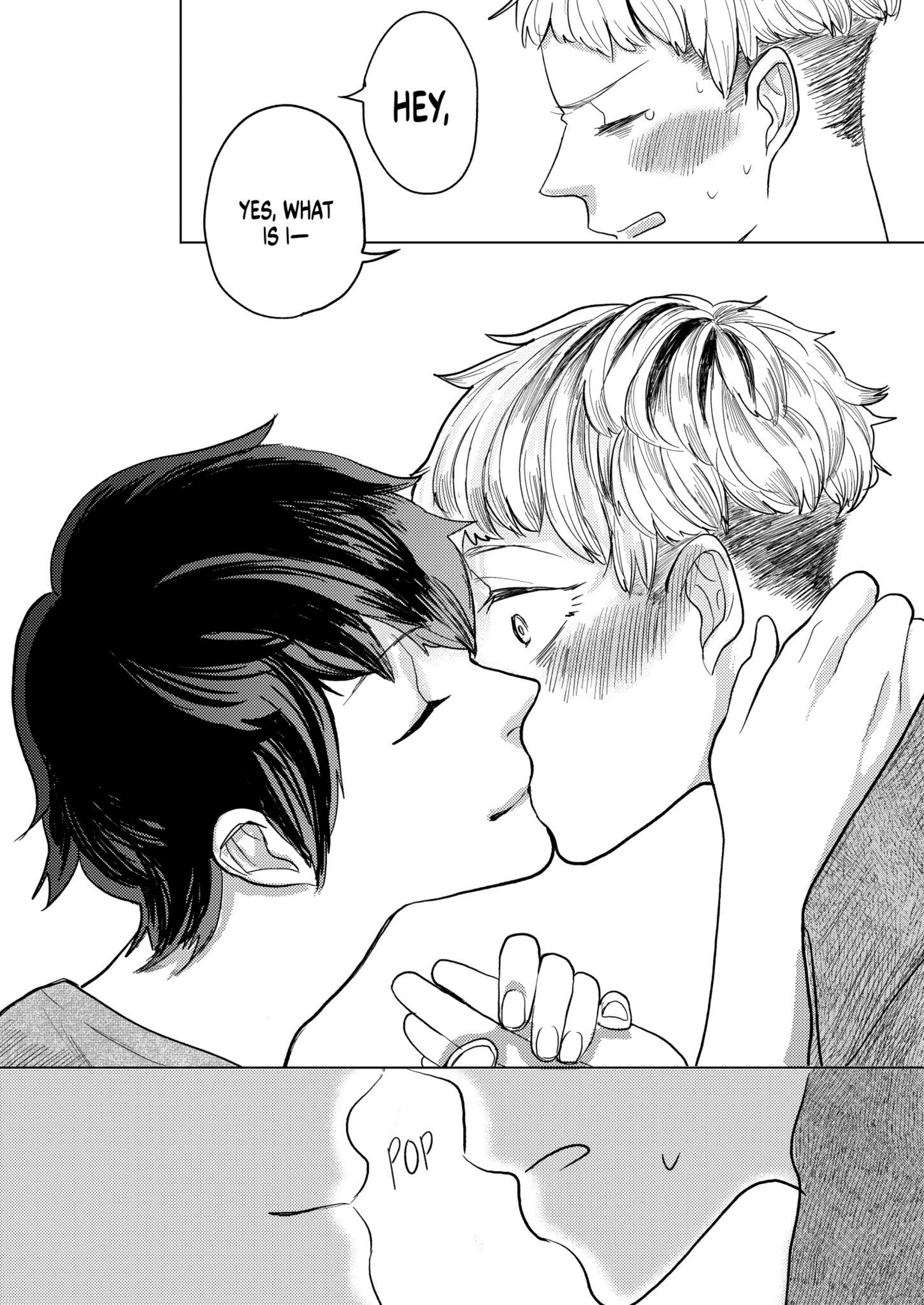

SLUMP
I MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE IN THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCE.
fwip
I HAVE A WILD IDEA WHAT IT MIGHT BE.
FHHPWWWW
WILD IDEA OR NOT, LET'S TRY.
Sniff
I'LL DO EXACTLY AS I PLEASE.
Thank you very much!
DI-LING
DI-LING
Salon B.B

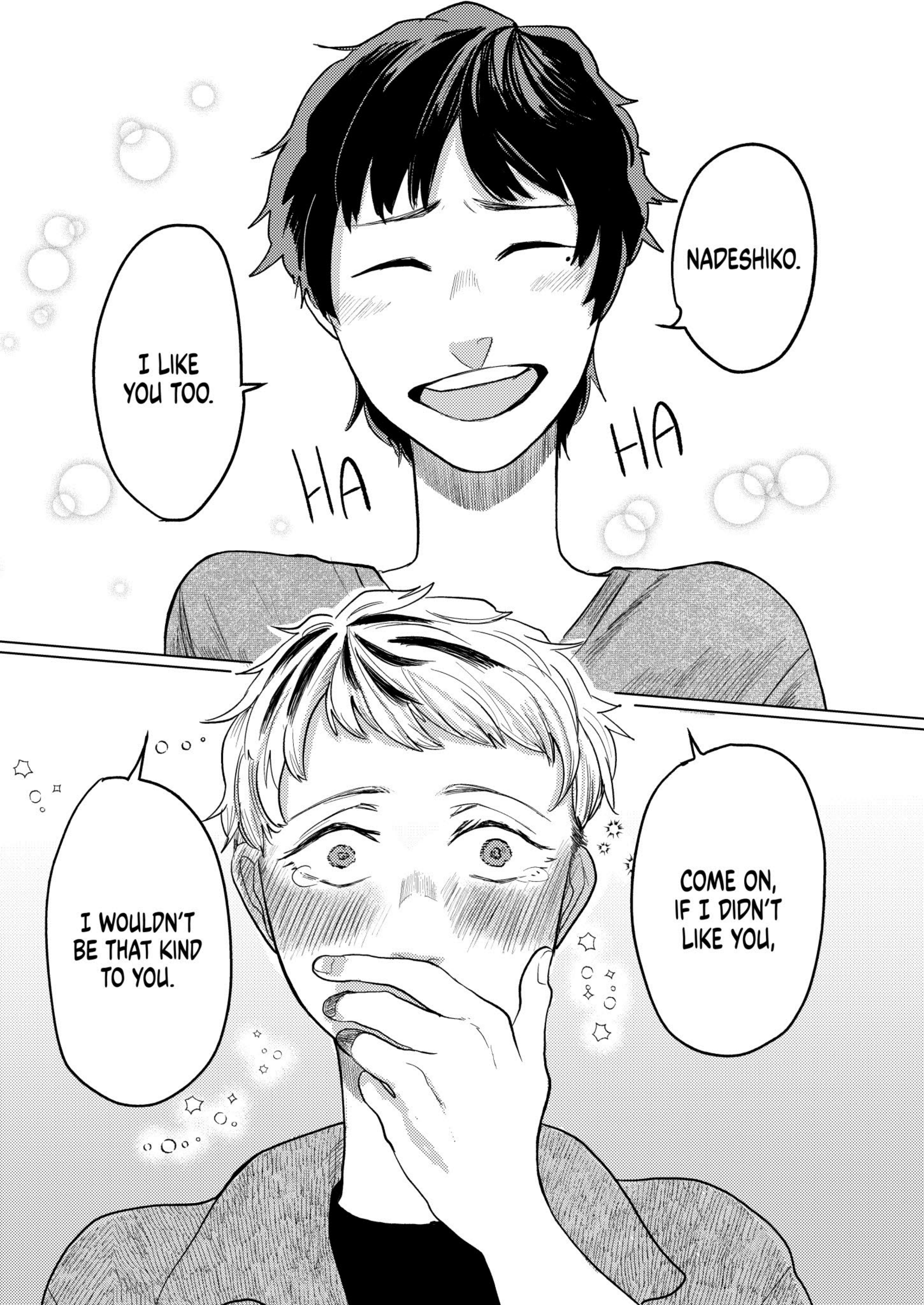

DING-DONG
YES?
!
OH MY...
TOKI.
WE NEED TO TALK.

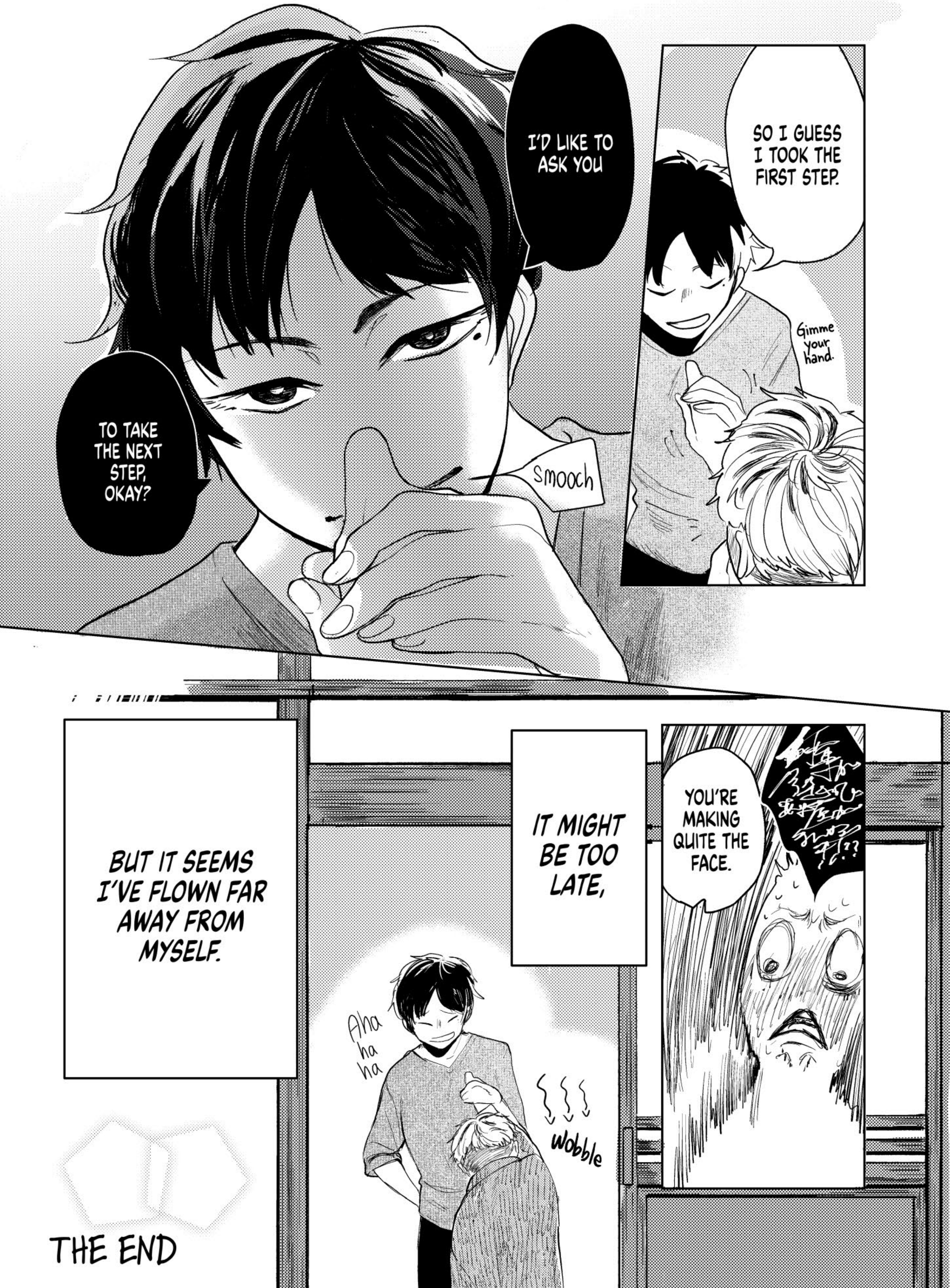

COMING IN?
NO.
I'LL BE QUICK, SO HERE IS FINE.
ALRIGHT. WHAT'S UP?
TODAY, I CAME IN THE CLOTHES I LIKE.
YEAH.
I CUT MY HAIR HOW I LIKE IT.
THAT'S NICE. IT LOOKS GOOD!
AND... AND WITH THAT,
SINCE I'M NOT LIKE BEFORE,
HEAR ME OUT.
TELL ME,
HOW YOU FEEL...
UHH HHH
UH!
CLASP


I LIKE YOU.
TOKI, FROM THE MOMENT I MET YOU,
I FELT LIKE I COULD BREATHE FOR THE FIRST TIME.


THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO TELL YOU.
HUH?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING ME OUT.
I'LL GO—
WAIT WAIT WAIT!
WHY WON'T YOU HEAR HOW I FEEL?!
CLUTCH
?
YOU MEAN, OTHER THAN TURNING ME DOWN?
HUH?!
PFFT FFFT
DON'T LAUGH AT ME!
SORRY... HAHA.

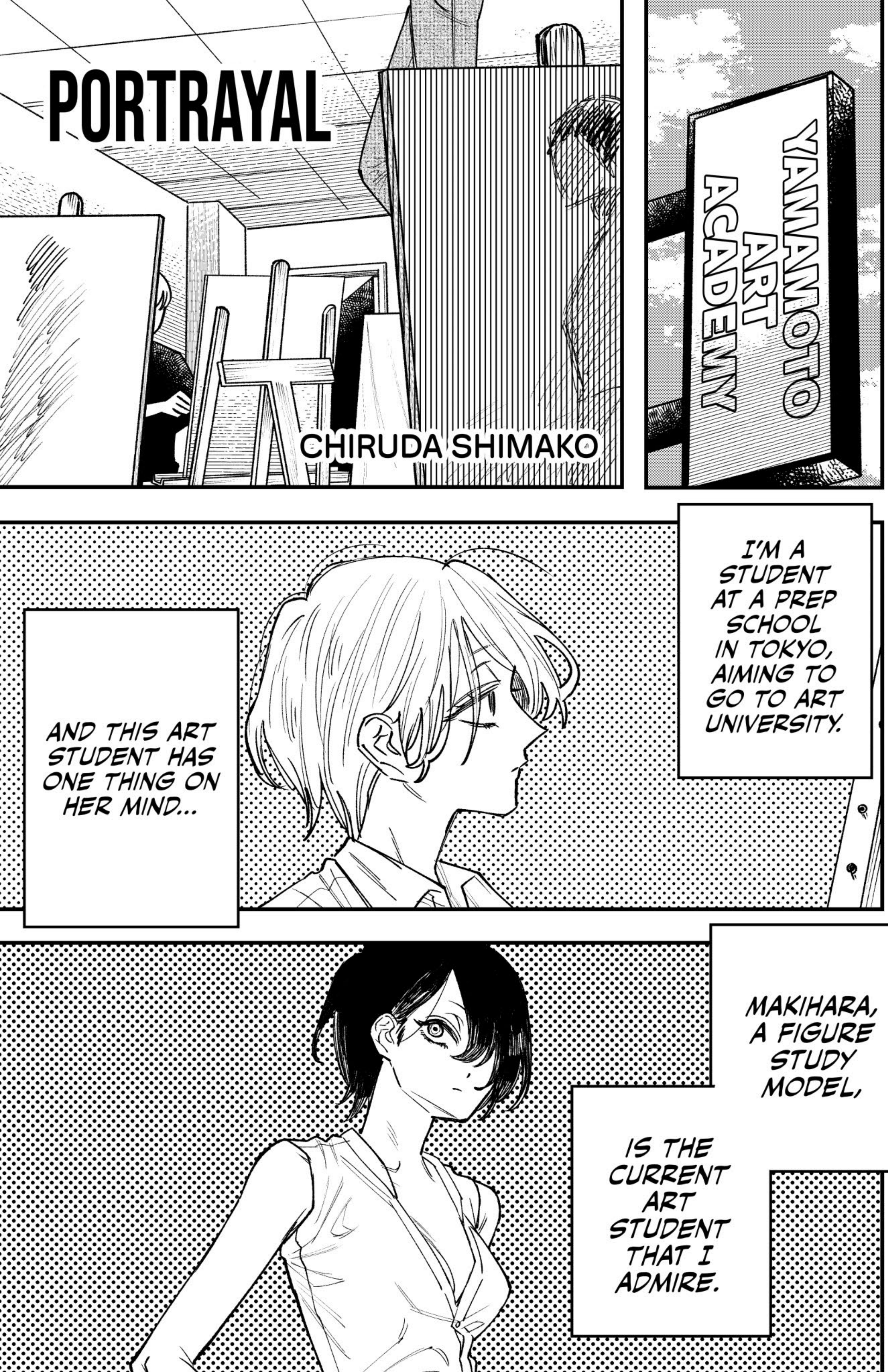

HEY,
YES, WHAT IS I—
POP

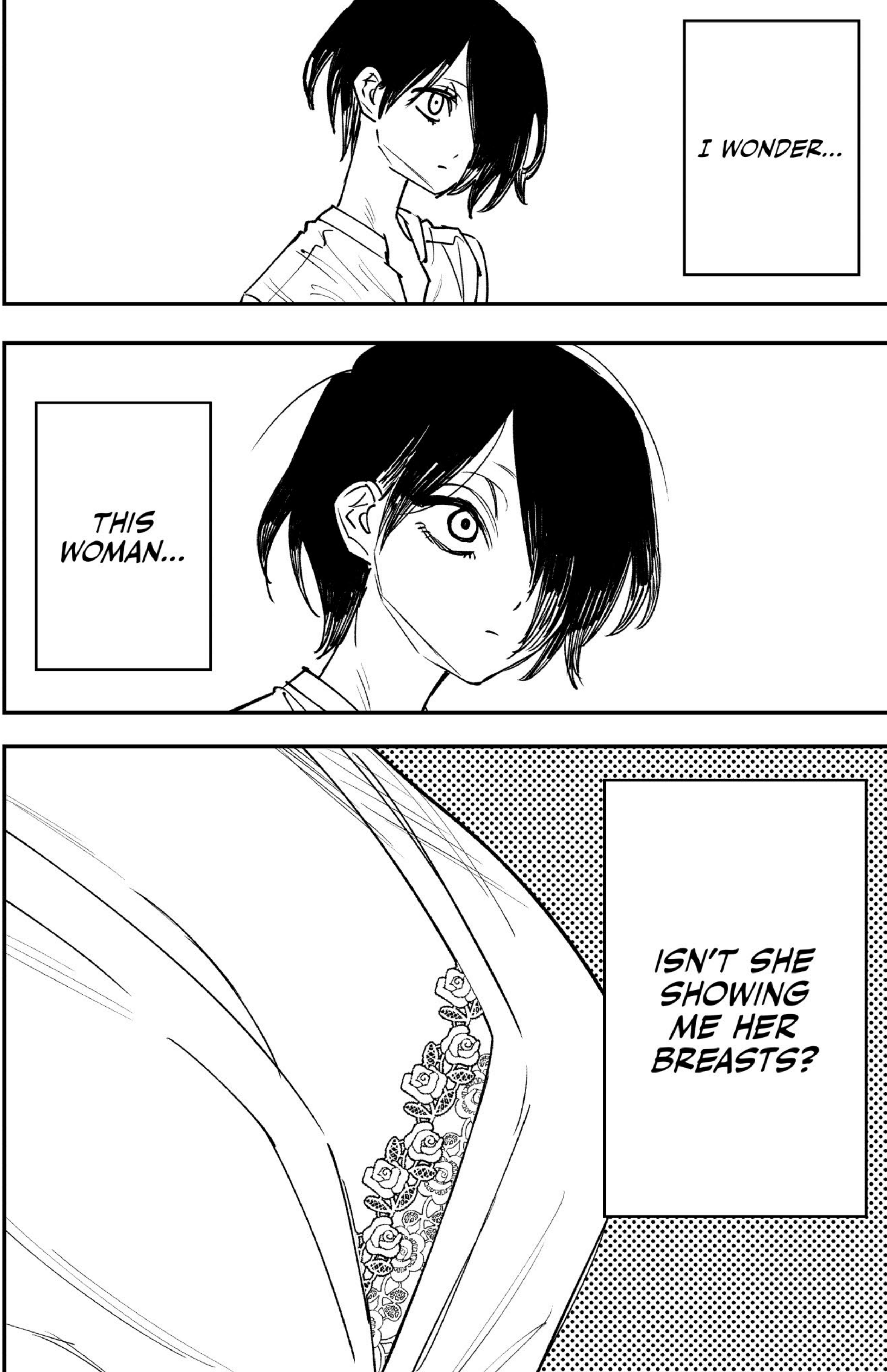

NADESHIKO.
HA HA
I LIKE YOU TOO.
COME ON, IF I DIDN'T LIKE YOU,
I WOULDN'T BE THAT KIND TO YOU.

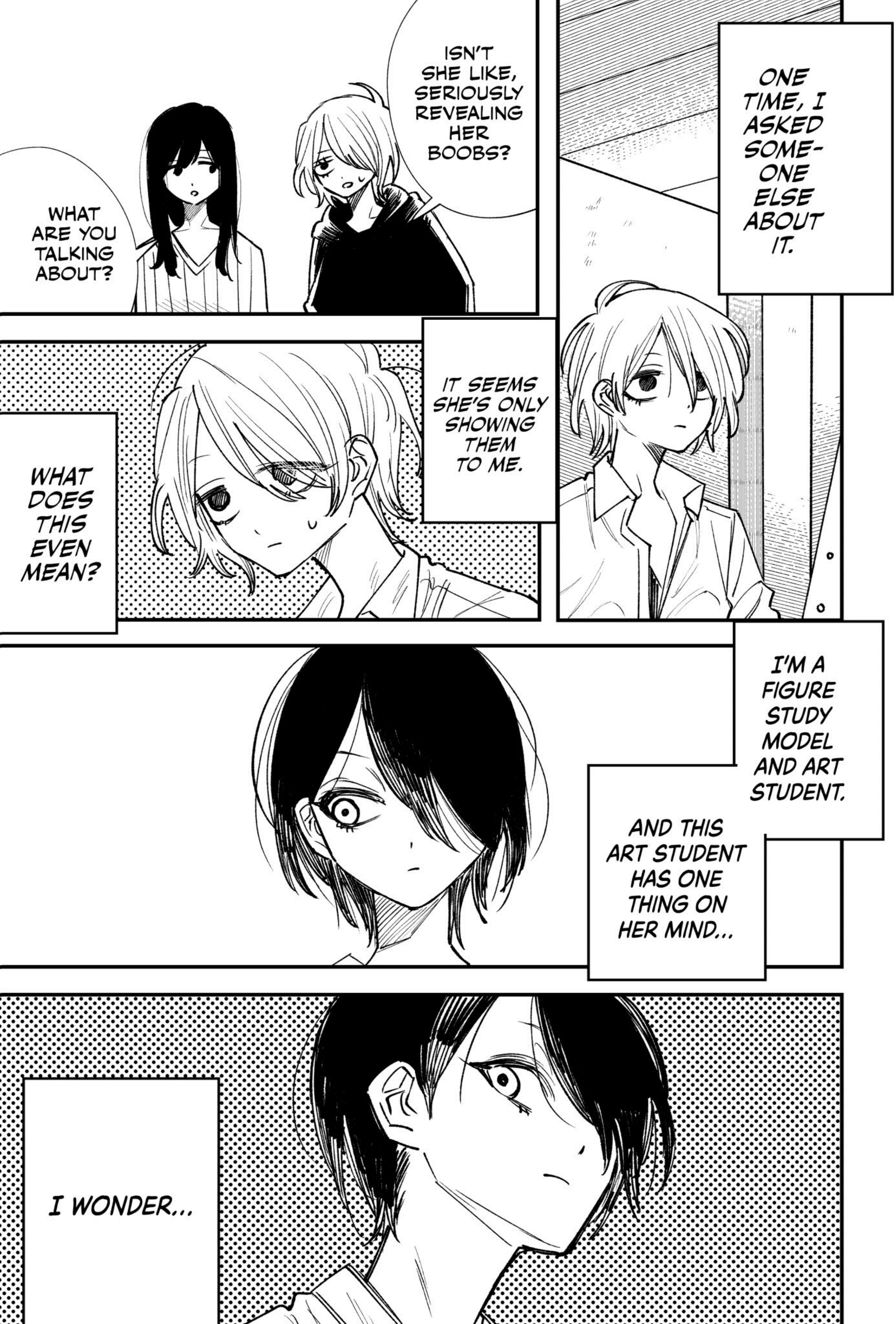

SO I GUESS I TOOK THE FIRST STEP.
Gimme your hand.
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU
TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP, OKAY?
smooch
YOU'RE MAKING QUITE THE FACE.
IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE,
Aha ha ha
wobble
BUT IT SEEMS I'VE FLOWN FAR AWAY FROM MYSELF.
THE END

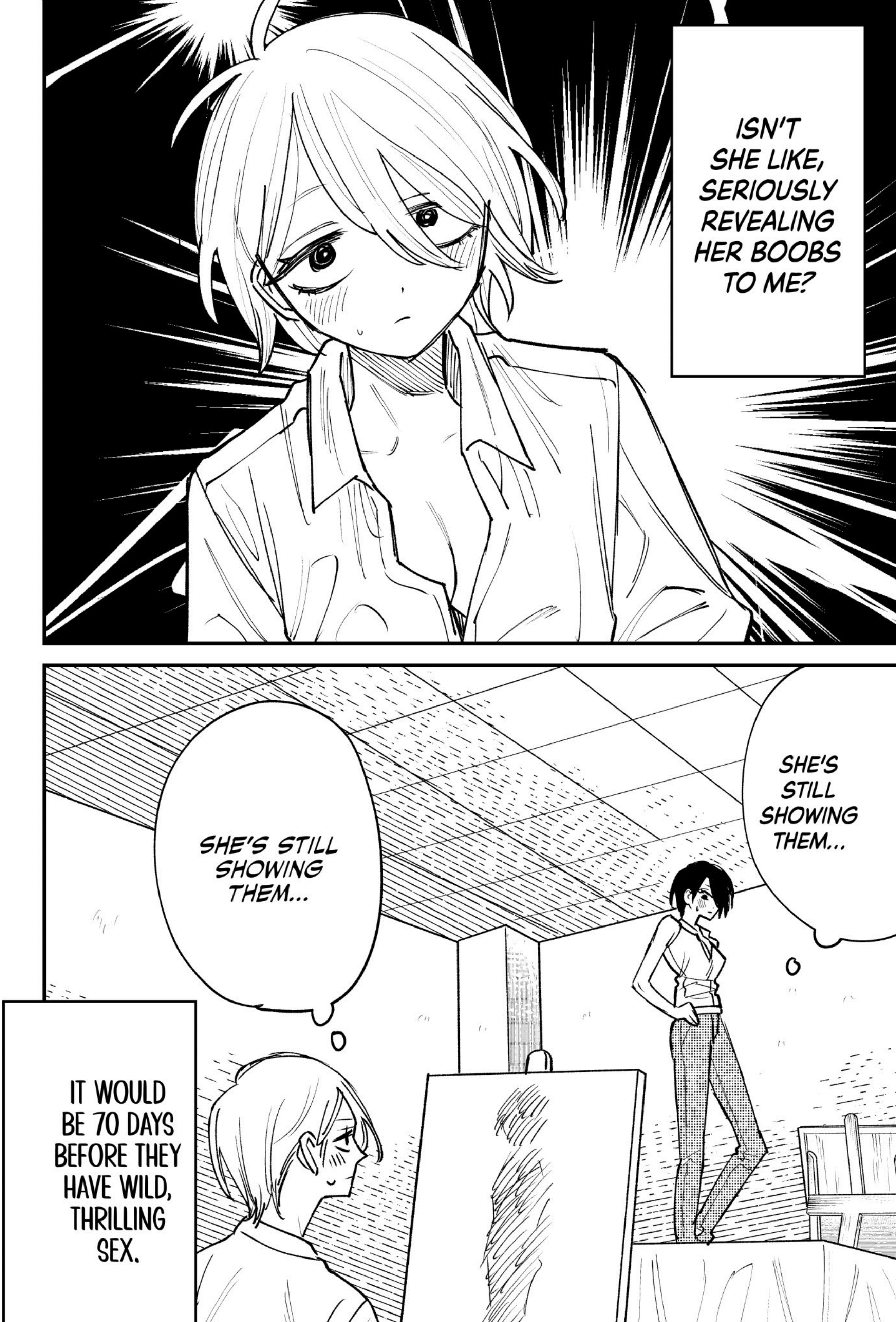
PORTRAYAL

CHIRUDA SHIMAKO


YAMAMOTO ART ACADEMY
I'M A STUDENT AT A PREP SCHOOL IN TOKYO, AIMING TO GO TO ART UNIVERSITY.
AND THIS ART STUDENT HAS ONE THING ON HER MIND...
MAKIHARA, A FIGURE STUDY MODEL,
IS THE CURRENT ART STUDENT THAT I ADMIRE.

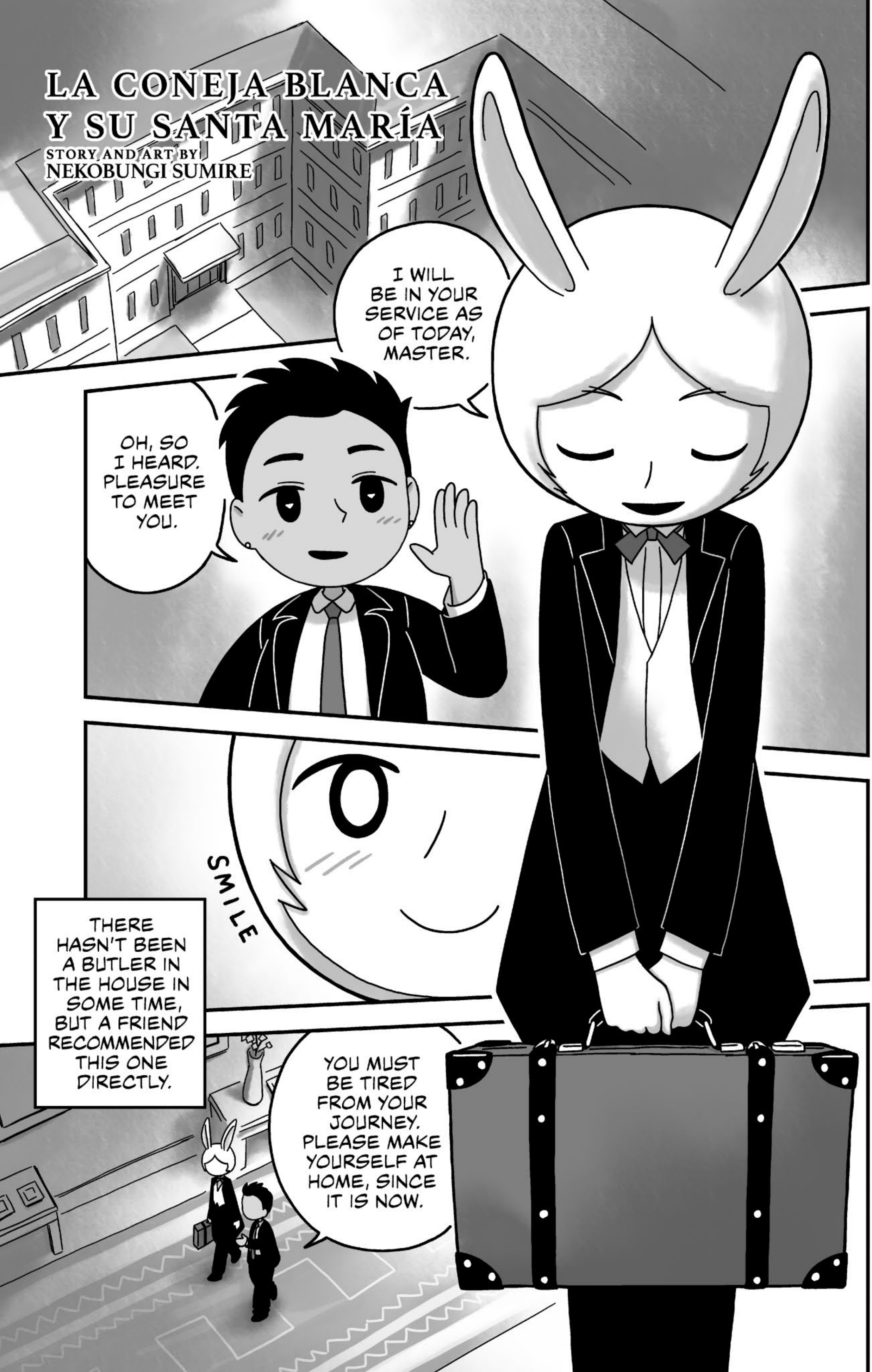

I WONDER...
THIS WOMAN...
ISN'T SHE SHOWING ME HER BREASTS?

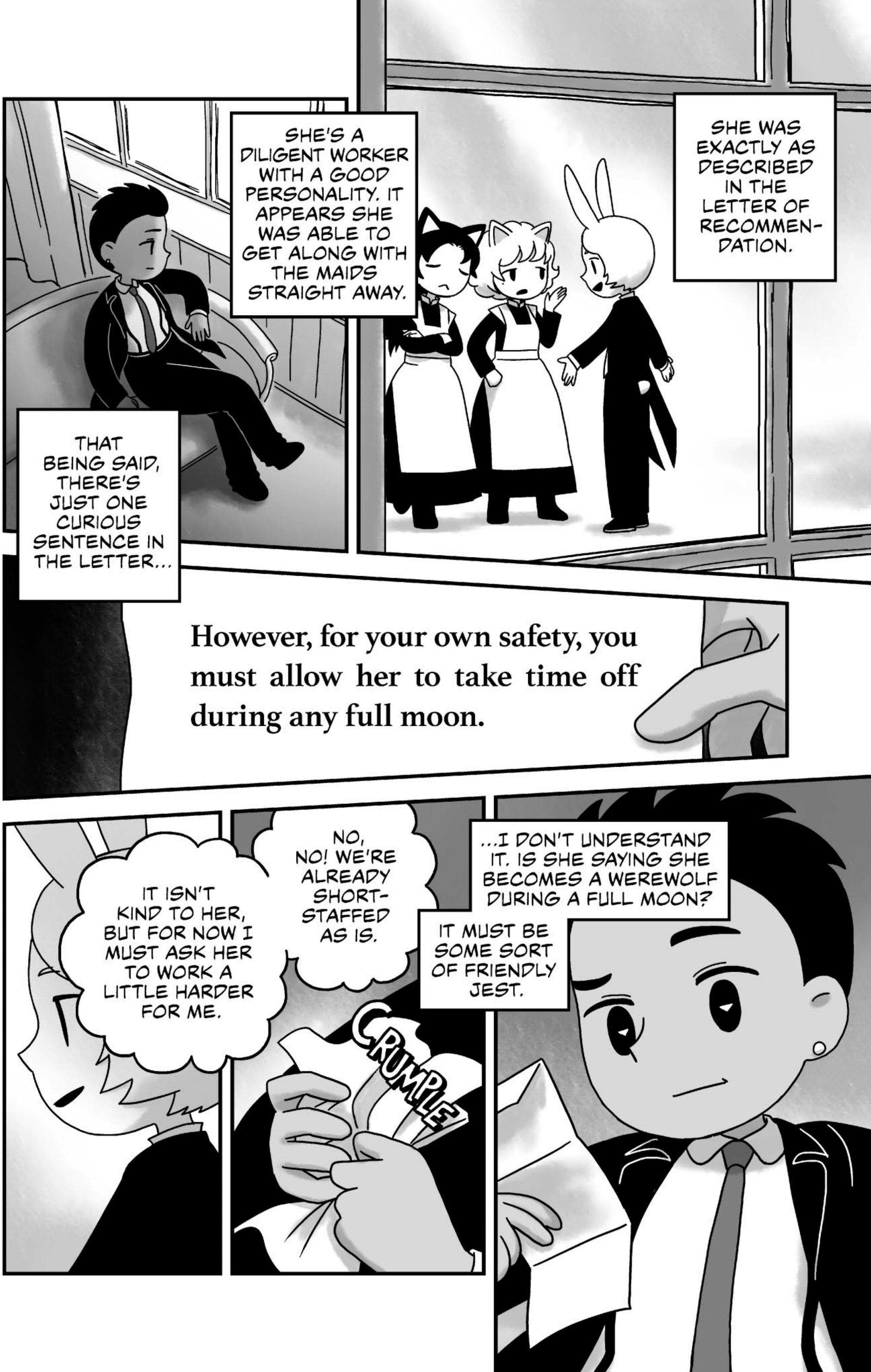

ONE TIME, I ASKED SOMEONE ELSE ABOUT IT.
ISN'T SHE LIKE, SERIOUSLY REVEALING HER BOOBS?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT SEEMS SHE'S ONLY SHOWING THEM TO ME.
WHAT DOES THIS EVEN MEAN?
I'M A FIGURE STUDY MODEL AND ART STUDENT.
AND THIS ART STUDENT HAS ONE THING ON HER MIND...
I WONDER...

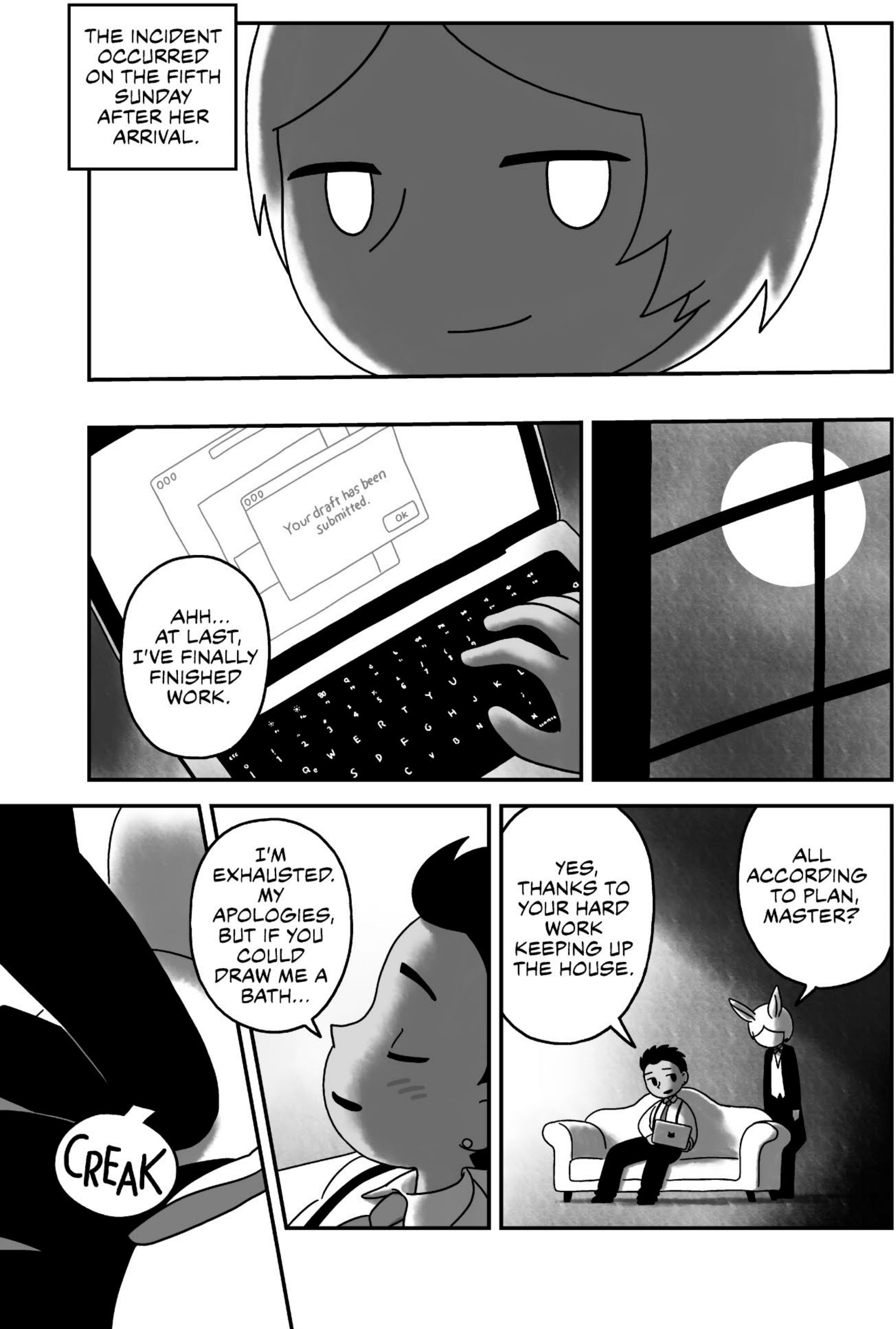

ISN'T SHE LIKE, SERIOUSLY REVEALING HER BOOBS TO ME?
SHE'S STILL SHOWING THEM...
SHE'S STILL SHOWING THEM...
IT WOULD BE 70 DAYS BEFORE THEY HAVE WILD, THRILLING SEX.

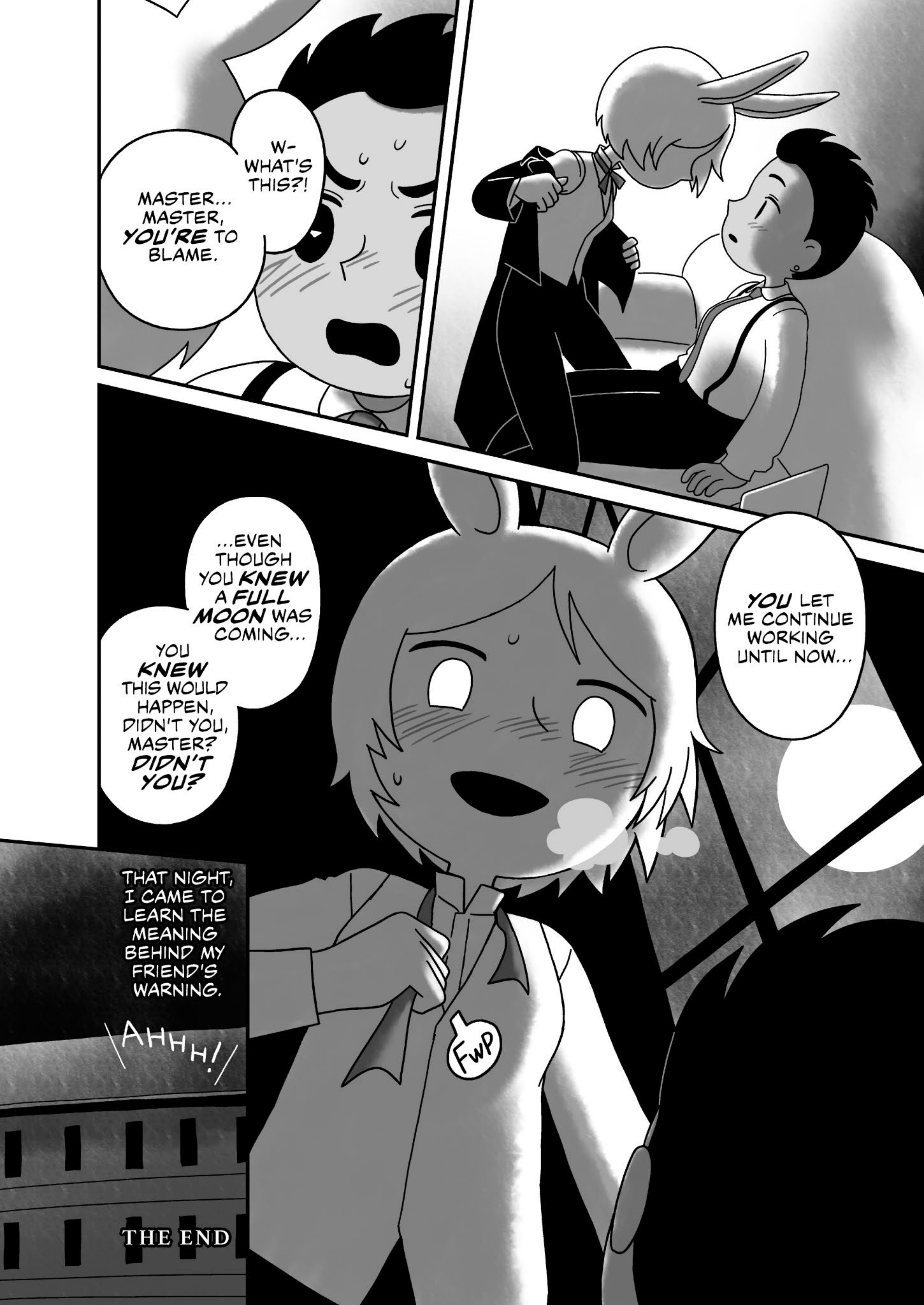
LA CONEJA BLANCA Y SU SANTA MARÍA

STORY AND ART BY
NEKOBUNGI SUMIRE


I WILL BE IN YOUR SERVICE AS OF TODAY, MASTER.
OH, SO I HEARD. PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.
SMILE
THERE HASN'T BEEN A BUTLER IN THE HOUSE IN SOME TIME, BUT A FRIEND RECOMMENDED THIS ONE DIRECTLY.
YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM YOUR JOURNEY. PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME, SINCE IT IS NOW.

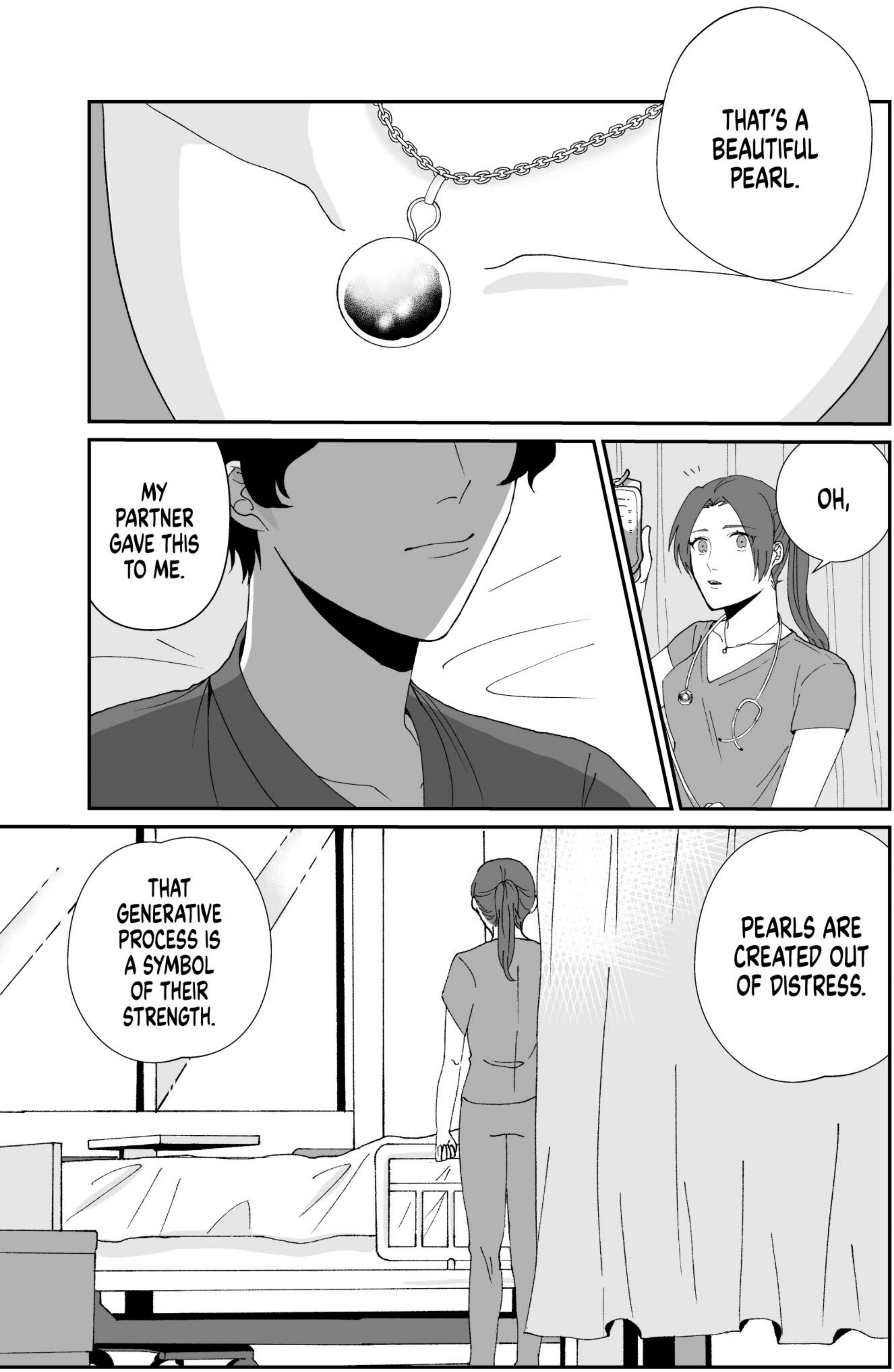

SHE'S A DILIGENT WORKER WITH A GOOD PERSONALITY. IT APPEARS SHE WAS ABLE TO GET ALONG WITH THE MAIDS STRAIGHT AWAY.
SHE WAS EXACTLY AS DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.
THAT BEING SAID, THERE'S JUST ONE CURIOUS SENTENCE IN THE LETTER...
However, for your own safety, you must allow her to take time off during any full moon.
IT ISN'T KIND TO HER, BUT FOR NOW I MUST ASK HER TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER FOR ME.
NO, NO! WE'RE ALREADY SHORT-STAFFED AS IS.
CRUMPLE
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. IS SHE SAYING SHE BECOMES A WEREWOLF DURING A FULL MOON?
IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF FRIENDLY JEST.

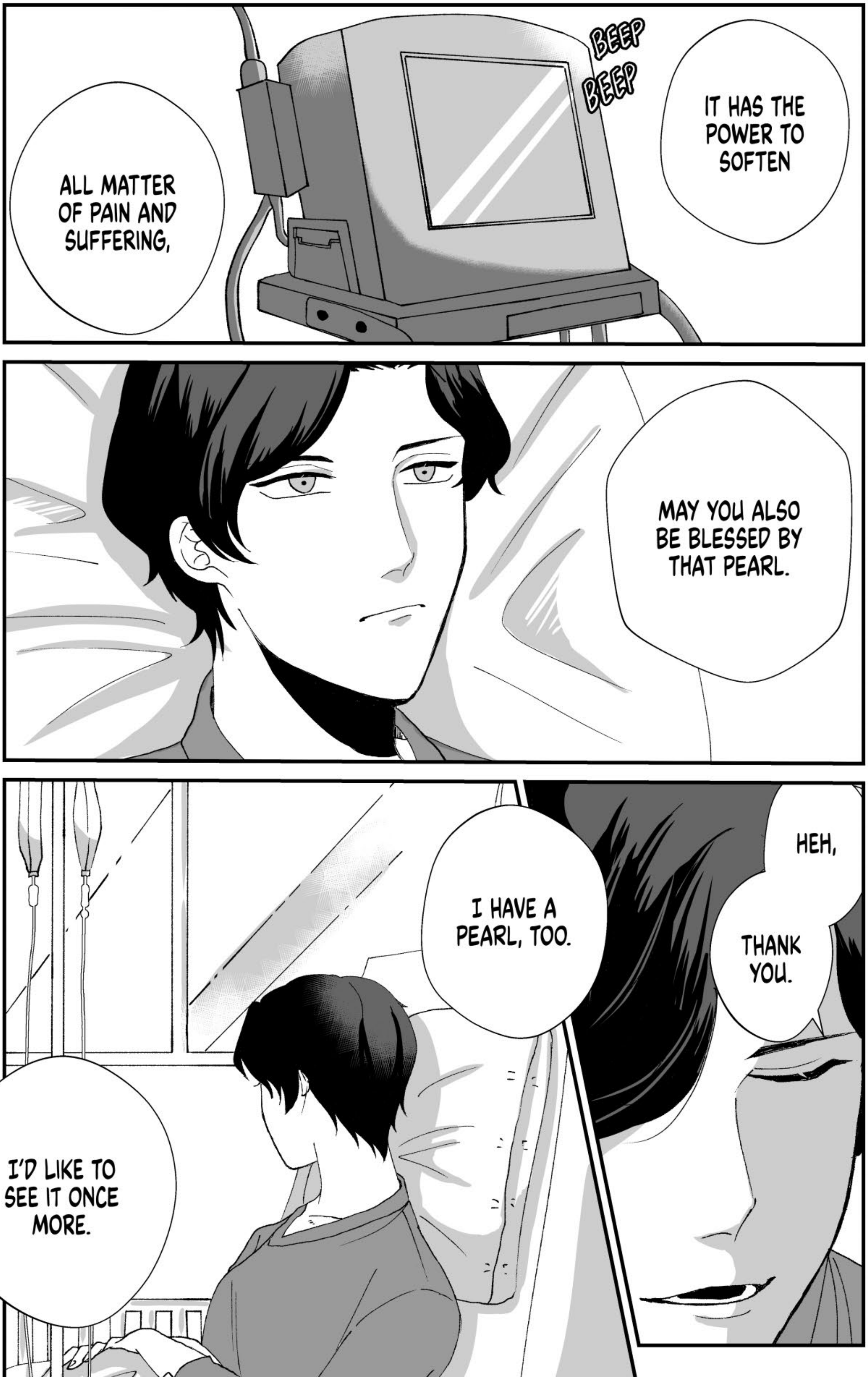

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HER ARRIVAL.
Your draft has been submitted.
Ok
AHH... AT LAST, I'VE FINALLY FINISHED WORK.
CREAK
I'M EXHAUSTED. MY APOLOGIES, BUT IF YOU COULD DRAW ME A BATH...
ALL ACCORDING TO PLAN, MASTER?
YES, THANKS TO YOUR HARD WORK KEEPING UP THE HOUSE.

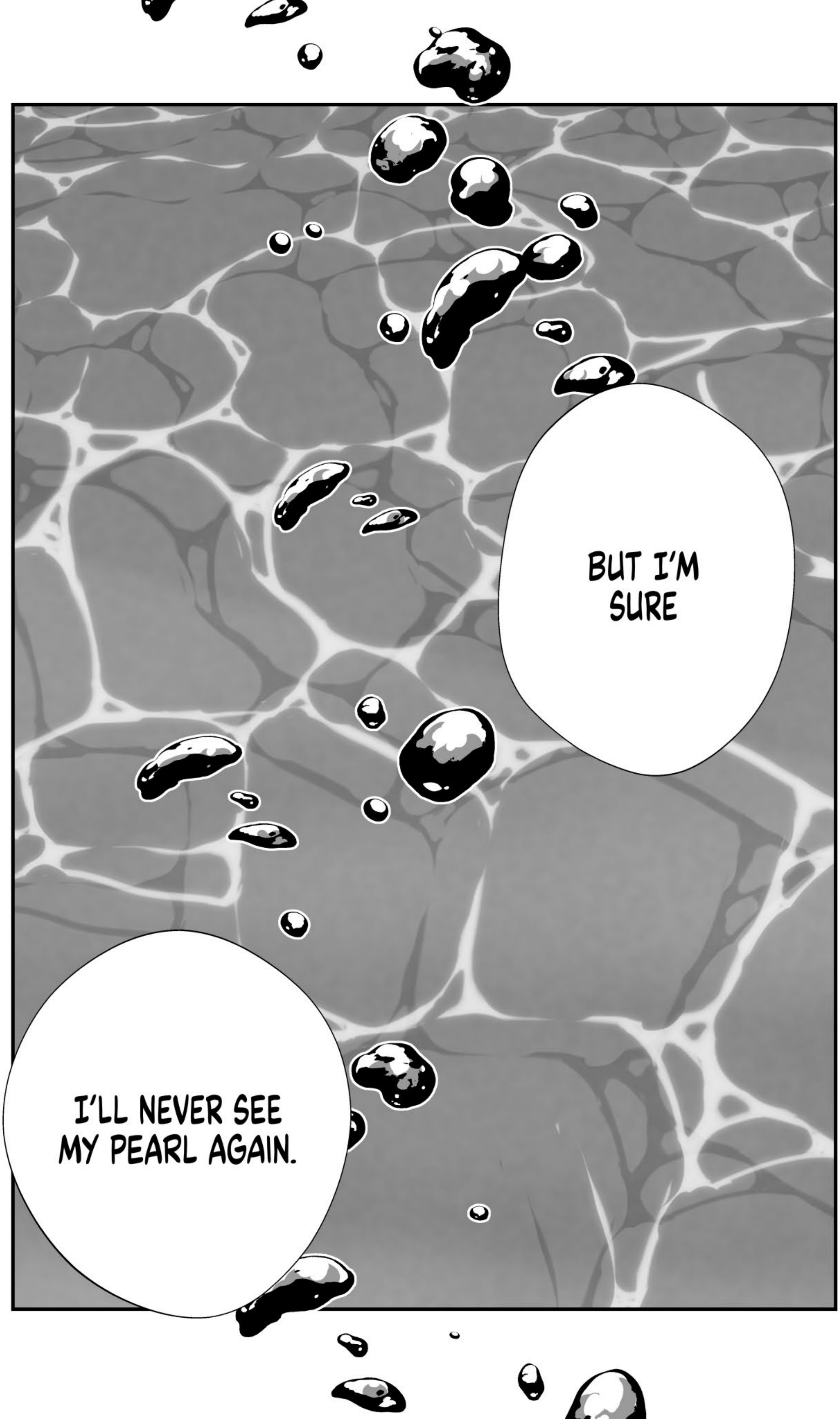

W-
WHAT'S
THIS?!
MASTER...
MASTER,
YOU'RE TO
BLAME.
...EVEN
THOUGH
YOU *KNEW*
A *FULL*
MOON WAS
COMING...
YOU
KNEW
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN,
DIDN'T YOU,
MASTER?
DIDN'T
YOU?
YOU LET
ME CONTINUE
WORKING
UNTIL NOW...
FWP
AHHH!

THAT NIGHT, I CAME TO LEARN THE MEANING BEHIND MY FRIEND'S WARNING.

THE END

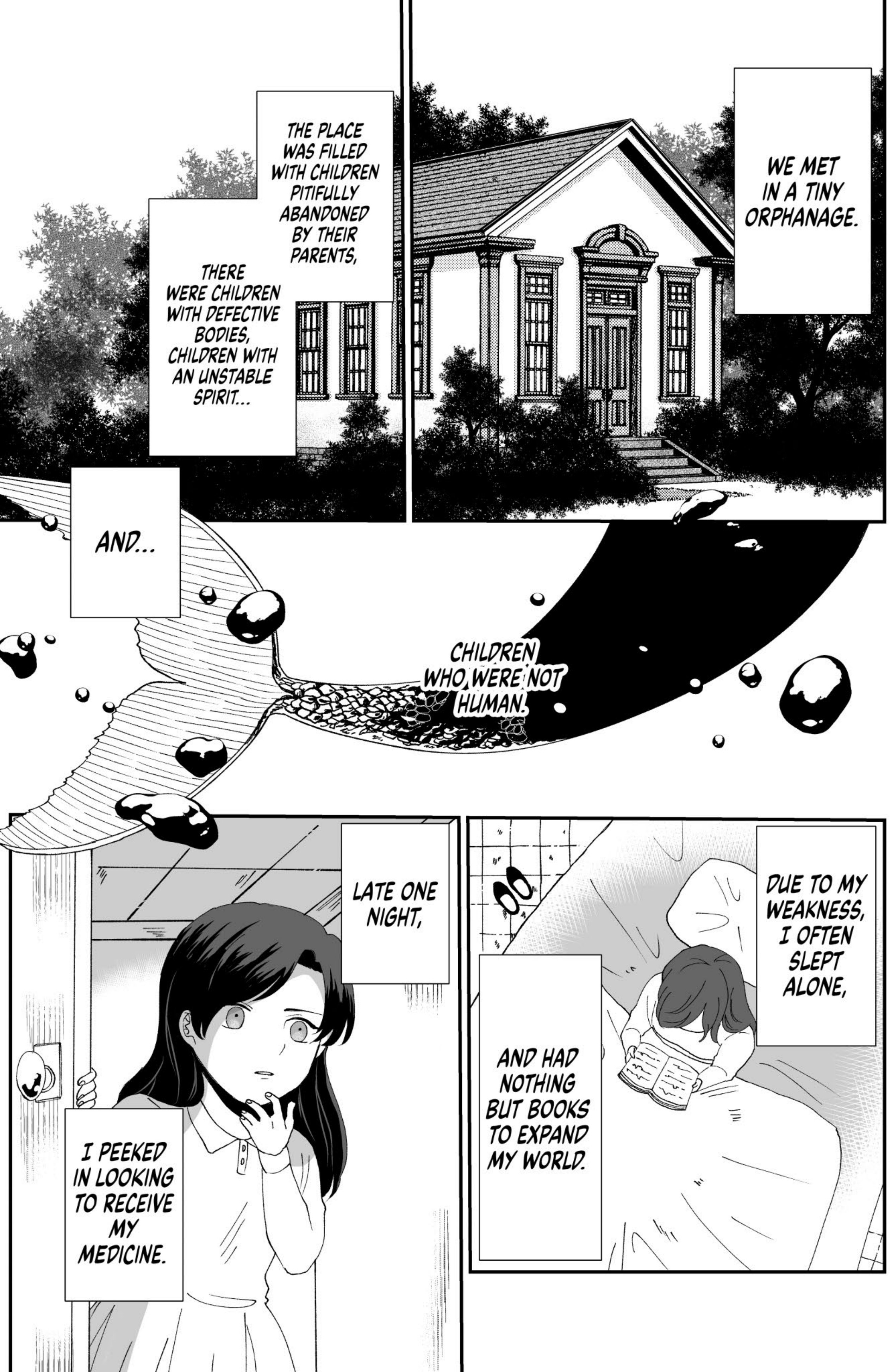

THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL PEARL.
OH,
MY PARTNER GAVE THIS TO ME.
PEARLS ARE CREATED OUT OF DISTRESS.
THAT GENERATIVE PROCESS IS A SYMBOL OF THEIR STRENGTH.

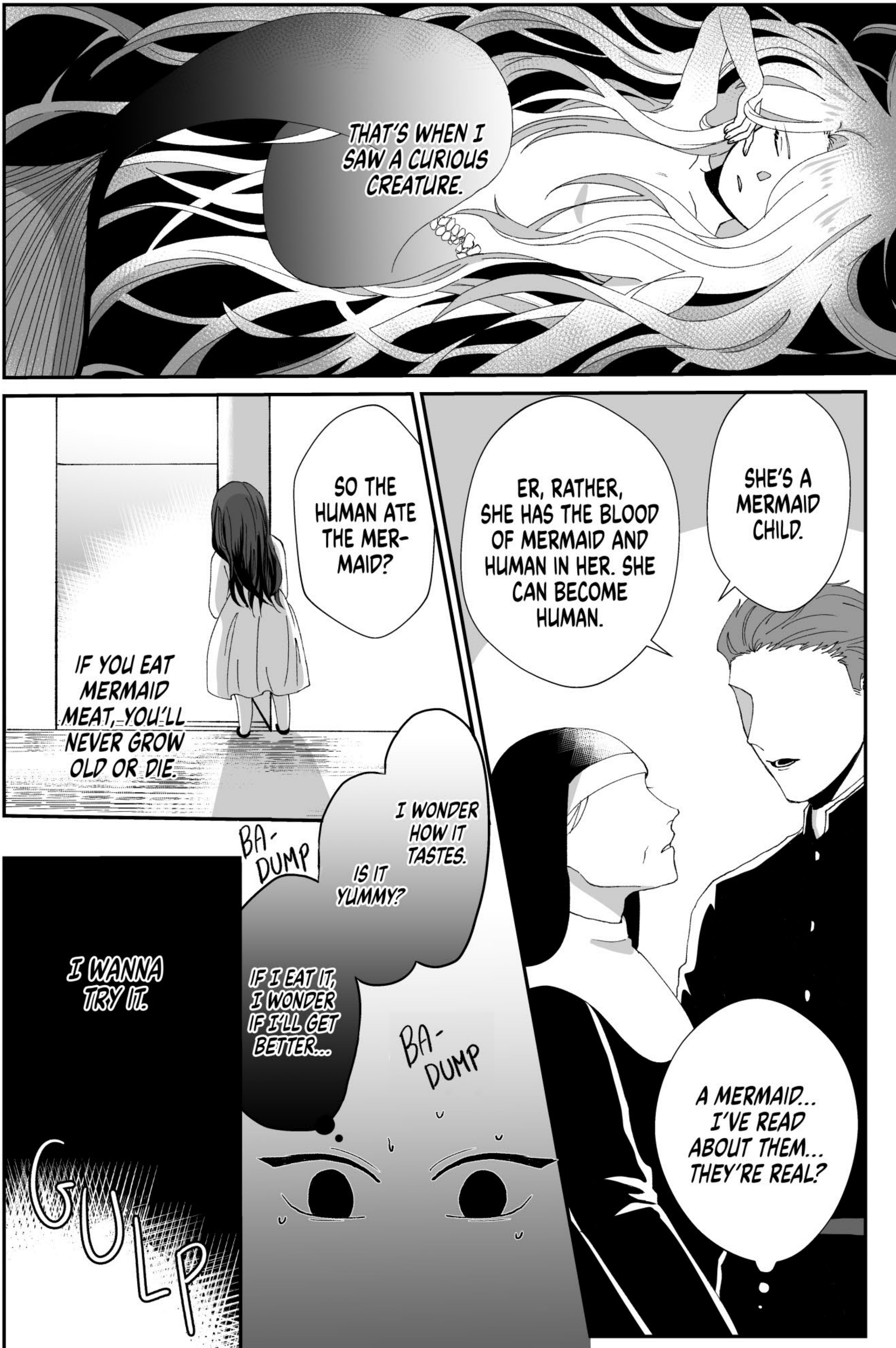

BEEP
BEEP
IT HAS THE POWER TO SOFTEN
ALL MATTER OF PAIN AND SUFFERING,
MAY YOU ALSO BE BLESSED BY THAT PEARL.
HEH,
THANK YOU.
I HAVE A PEARL, TOO.
I'D LIKE TO SEE IT ONCE MORE.

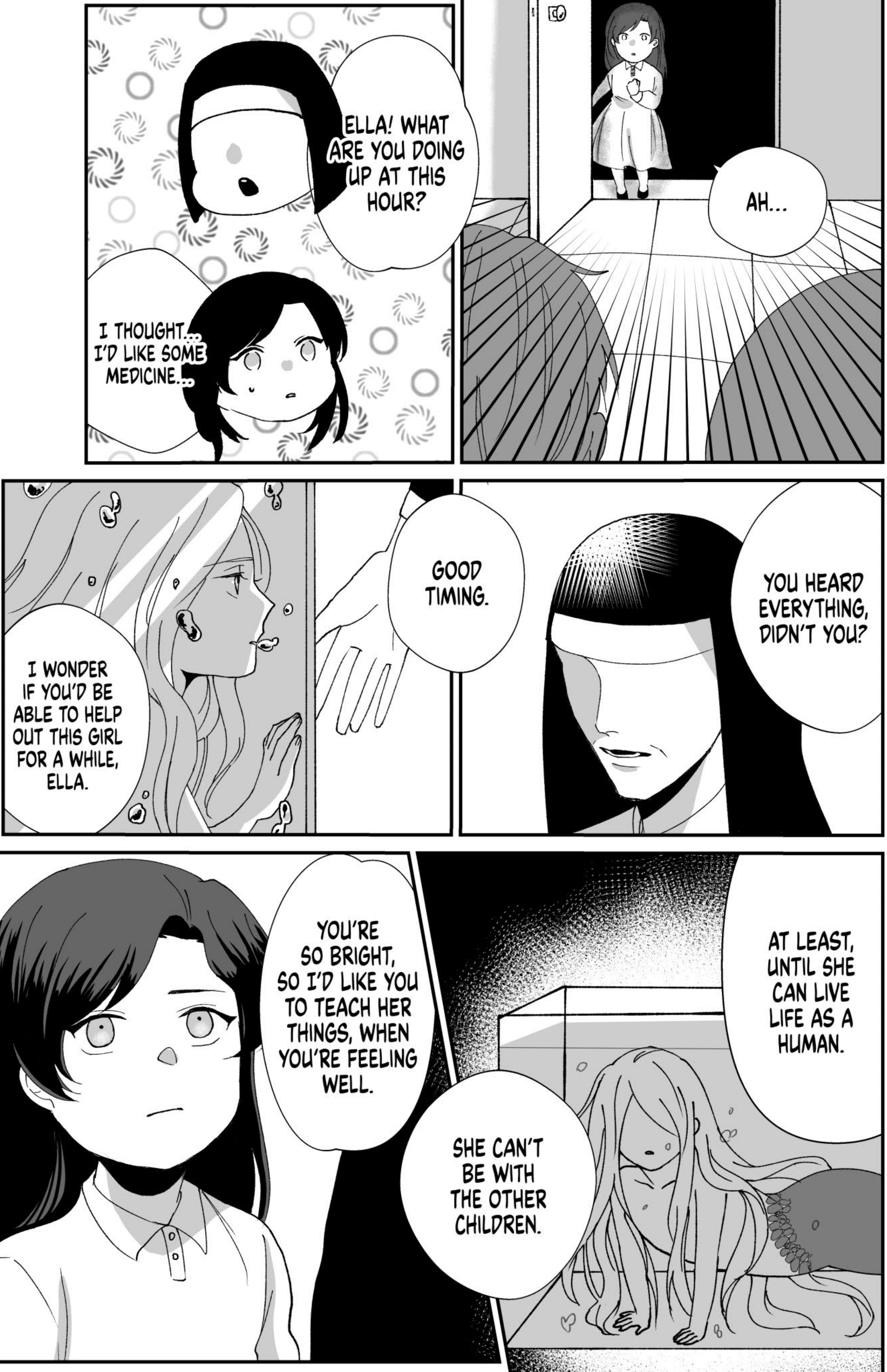

BUT I'M SURE
I'LL NEVER SEE MY PEARL AGAIN.

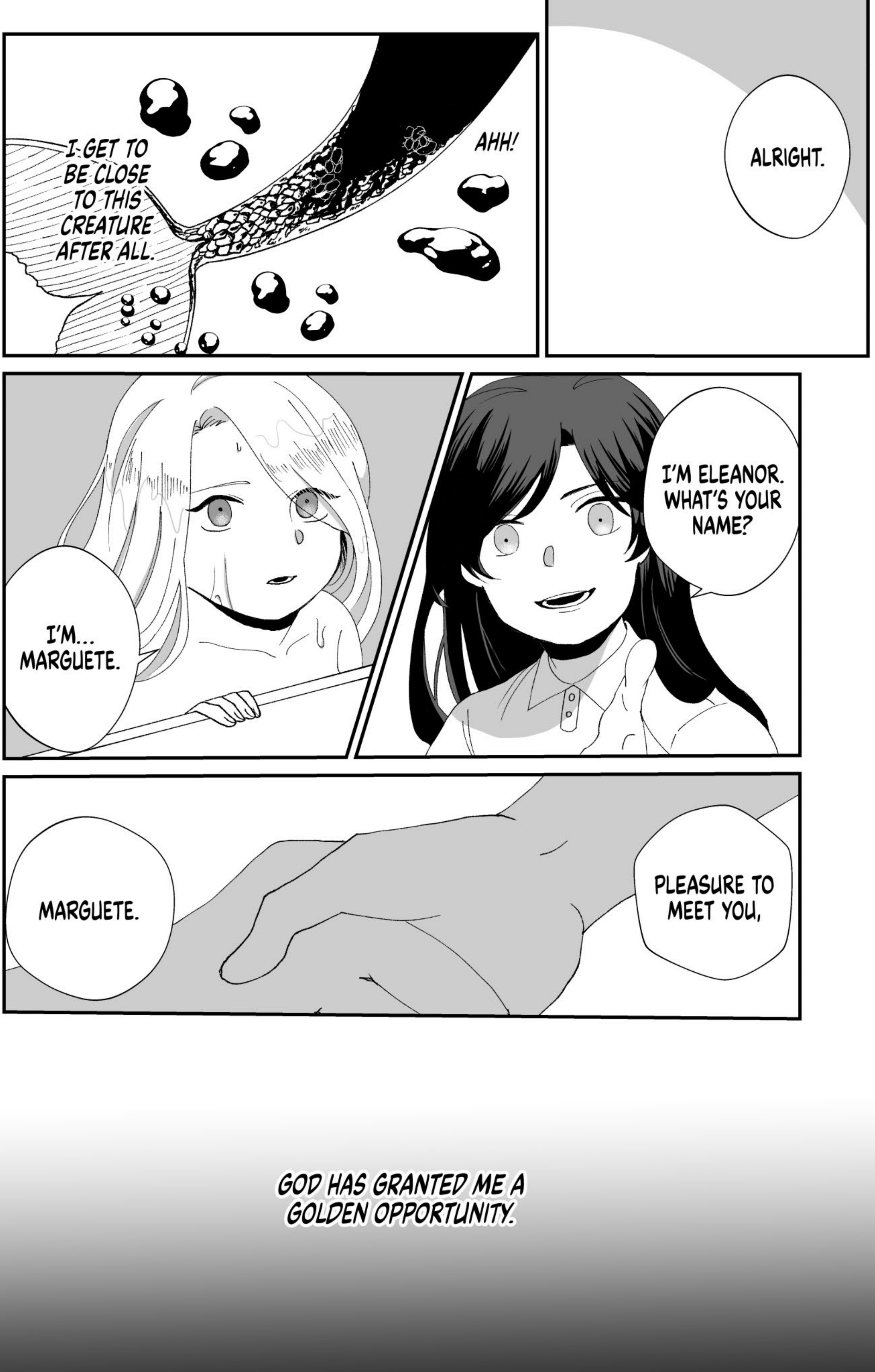
「Seafoam」

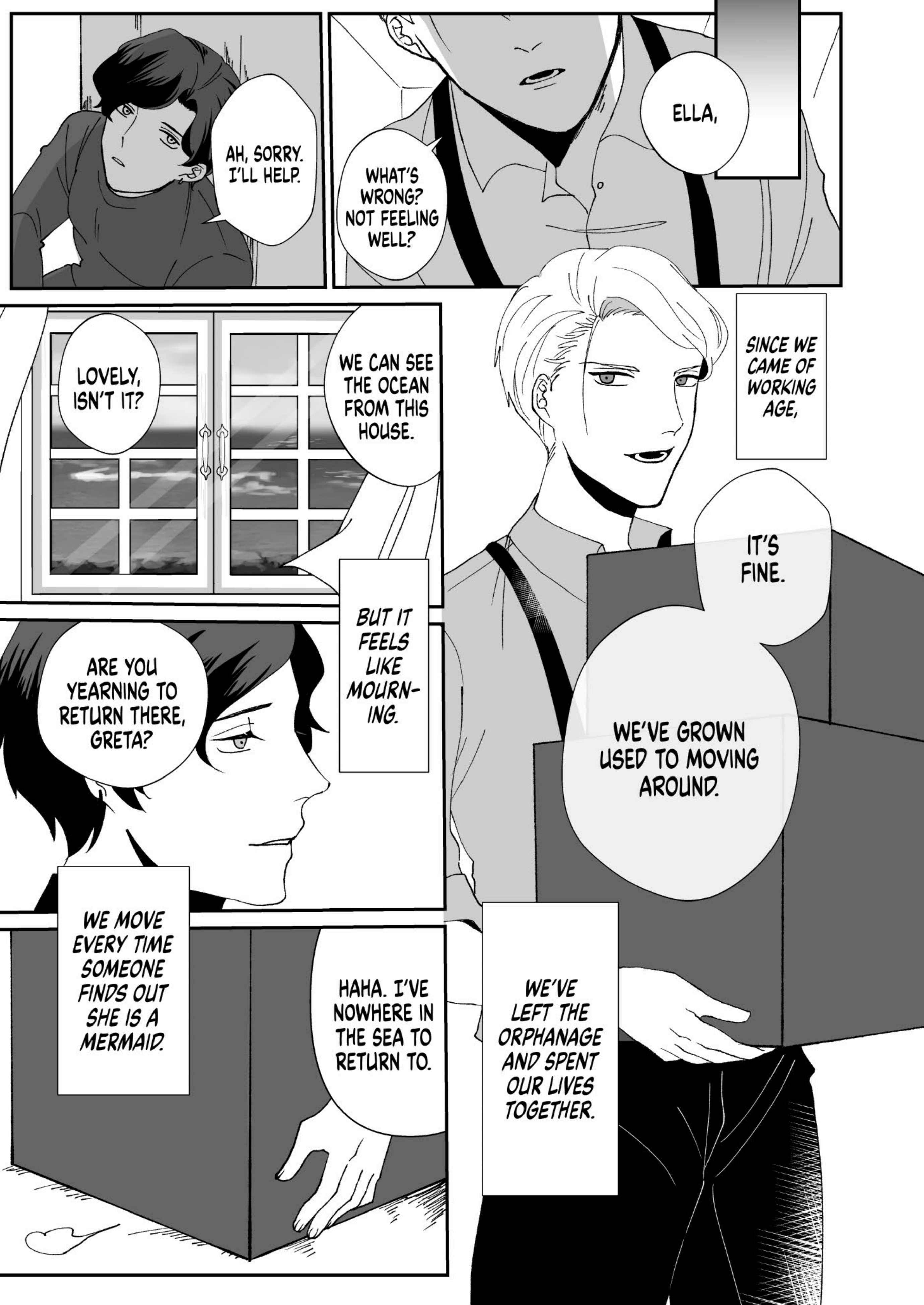
Mint

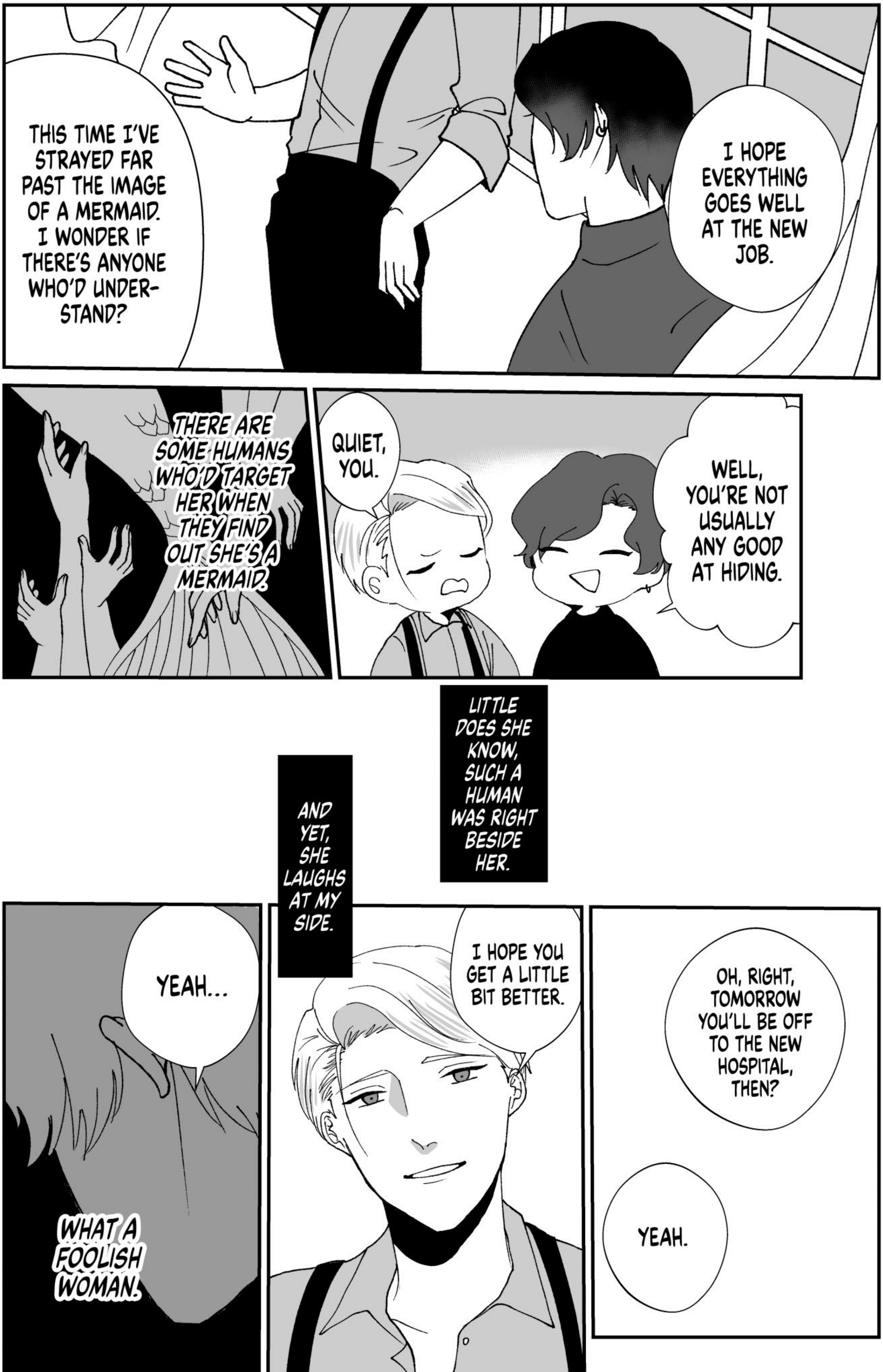

WE MET IN A TINY ORPHANAGE.
THE PLACE WAS FILLED WITH CHILDREN PITIFULLY ABANDONED BY THEIR PARENTS,
THERE WERE CHILDREN WITH DEFECTIVE BODIES, CHILDREN WITH AN UNSTABLE SPIRIT...
AND...
CHILDREN WHO WERE NOT HUMAN.
DUE TO MY WEAKNESS, I OFTEN SLEPT ALONE,
AND HAD NOTHING BUT BOOKS TO EXPAND MY WORLD.
LATE ONE NIGHT,
I PEEKED IN LOOKING TO RECEIVE MY MEDICINE.

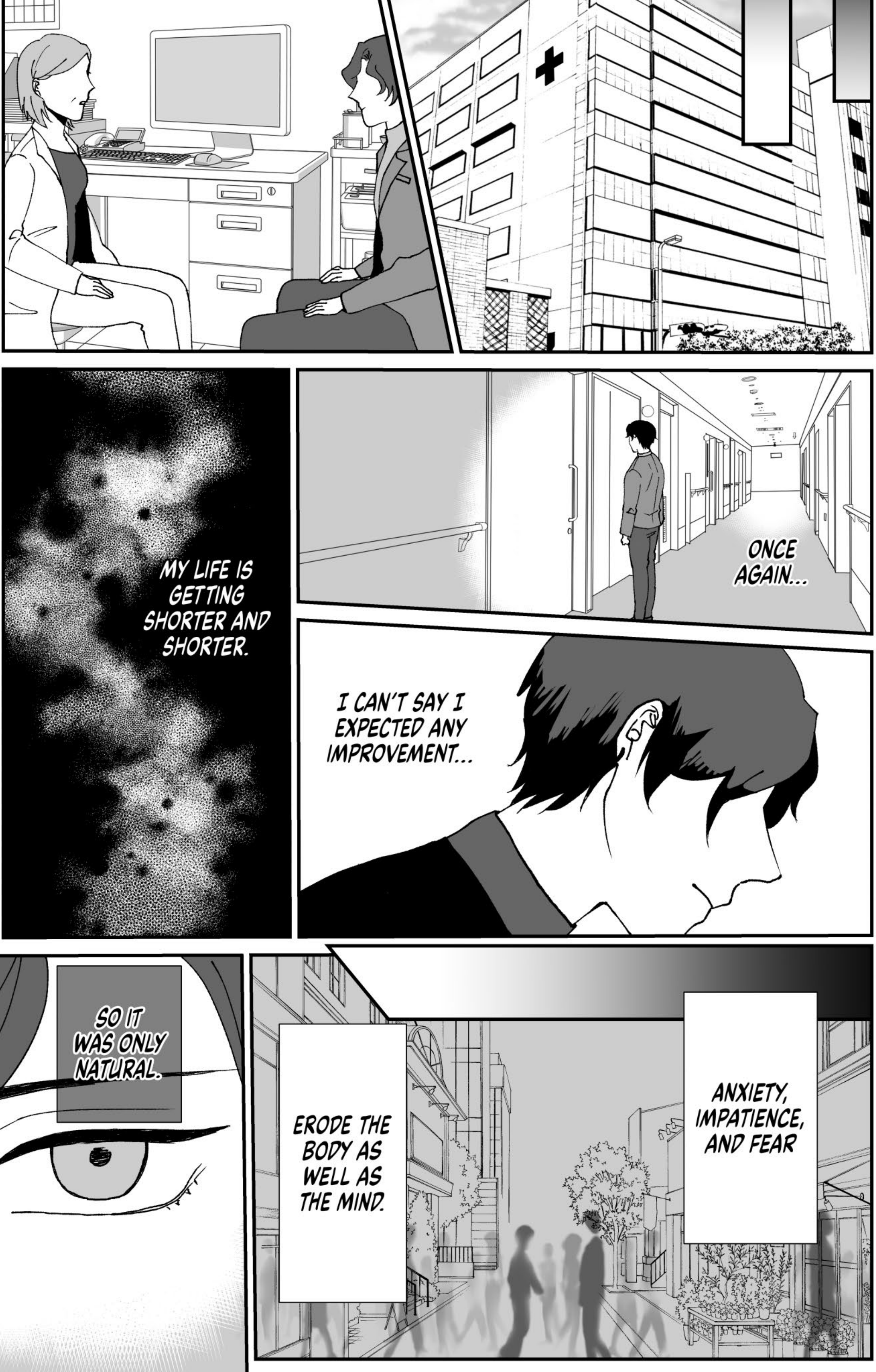

THAT'S WHEN I SAW A CURIOUS CREATURE.
SHE'S A MERMAID CHILD.
ER, RATHER, SHE HAS THE BLOOD OF MERMAID AND HUMAN IN HER. SHE CAN BECOME HUMAN.
SO THE HUMAN ATE THE MERMAID?
IF YOU EAT MERMAID MEAT, YOU'LL NEVER GROW OLD OR DIE.
A MERMAID... I'VE READ ABOUT THEM... THEY'RE REAL?
I WONDER HOW IT TASTES.
IS IT YUMMY?
BA-DUMP
IF I EAT IT, I WONDER IF I'LL GET BETTER...
BA-DUMP
I WANNA TRY IT.
GULP

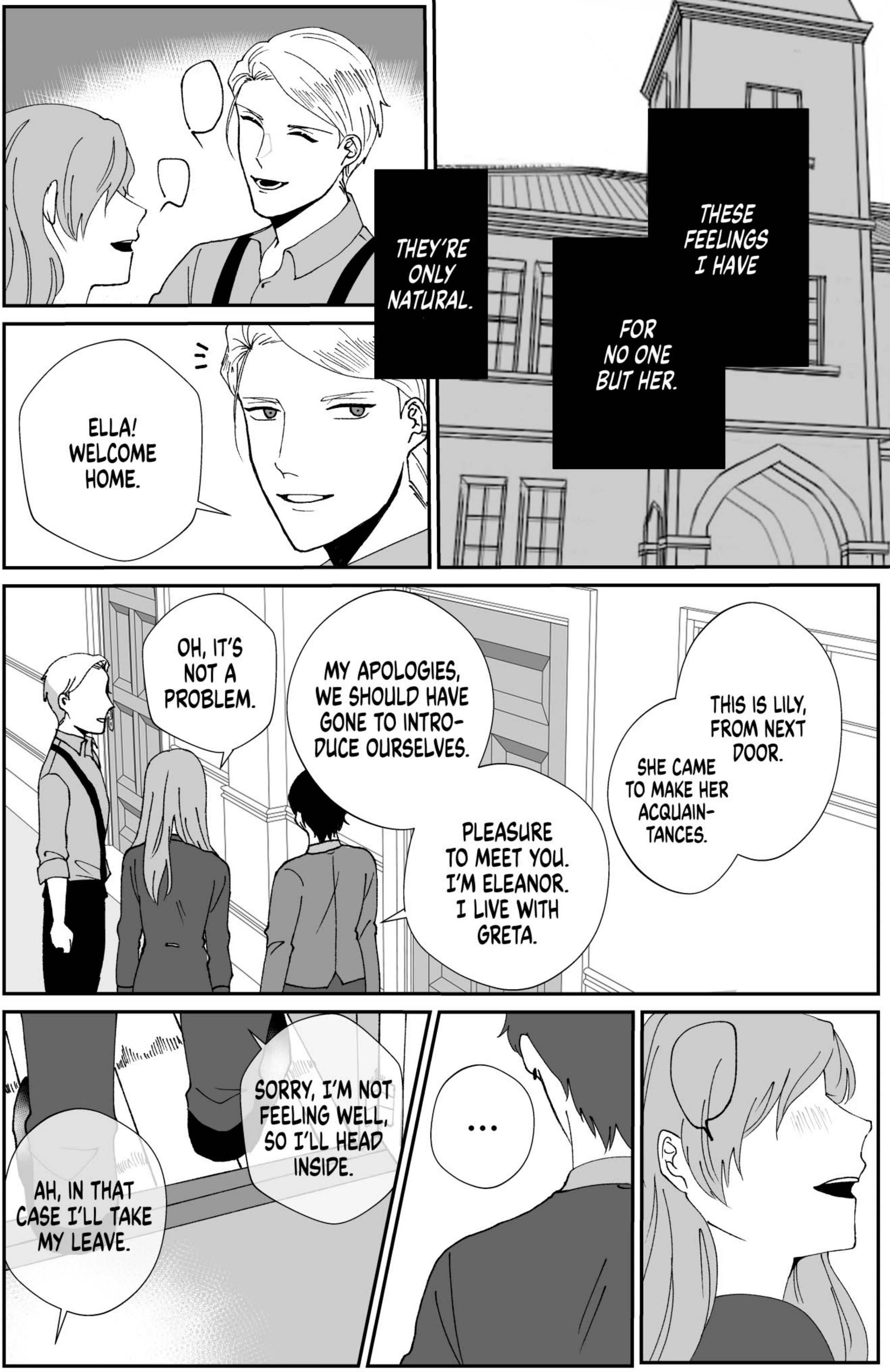

AH...
ELLA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP AT THIS HOUR?
I THOUGHT... I'D LIKE SOME MEDICINE...
YOU HEARD EVERYTHING, DIDN'T YOU?
GOOD TIMING.
I WONDER IF YOU'D BE ABLE TO HELP OUT THIS GIRL FOR A WHILE, ELLA.
SHE CAN'T BE WITH THE OTHER CHILDREN.
AT LEAST, UNTIL SHE CAN LIVE LIFE AS A HUMAN.
YOU'RE SO BRIGHT, SO I'D LIKE YOU TO TEACH HER THINGS, WHEN YOU'RE FEELING WELL.

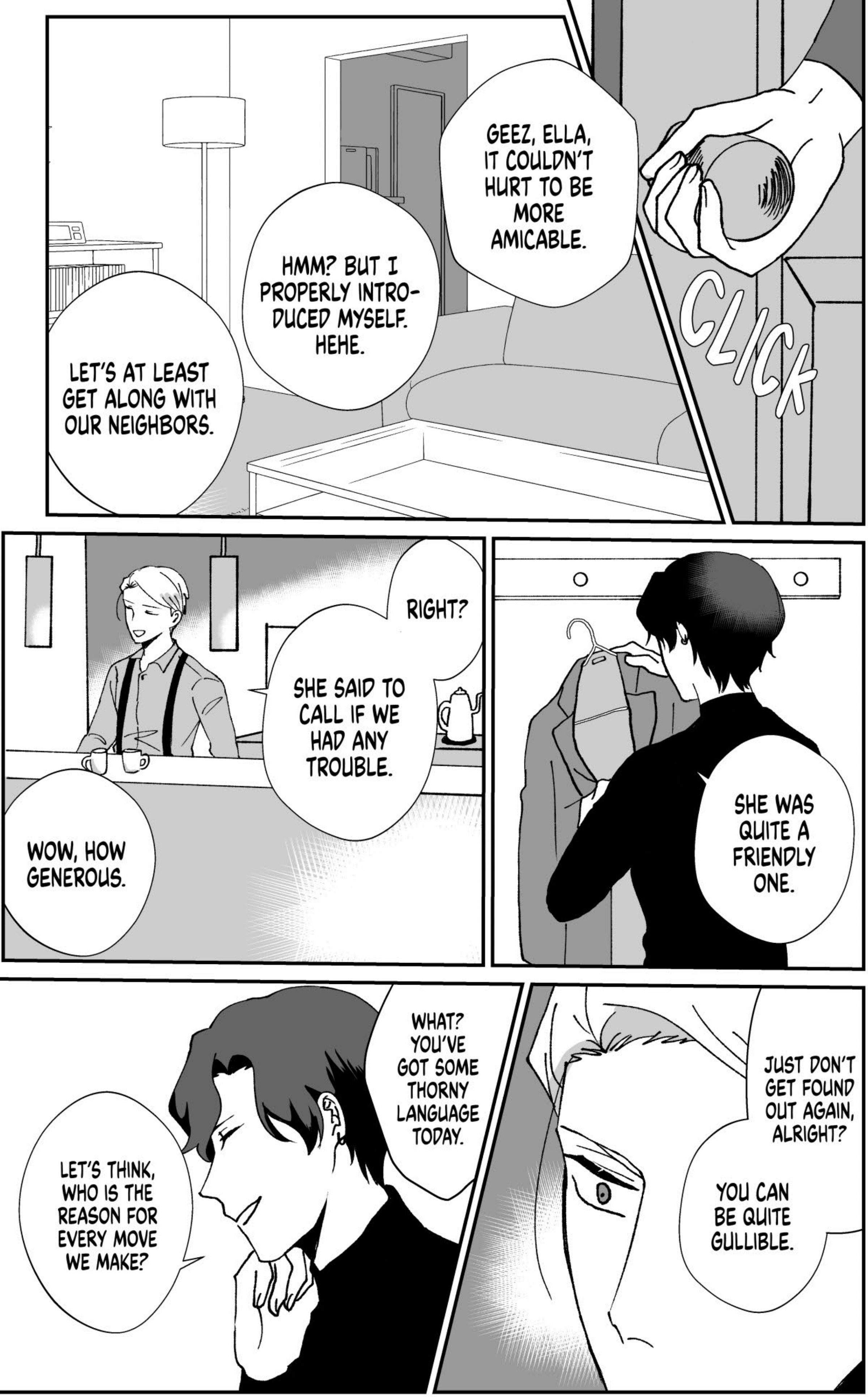

ALRIGHT.
AHH!
I GET TO BE CLOSE TO THIS CREATURE AFTER ALL.
I'M ELEANOR. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I'M... MARGUETE.
PLEASURE TO MEET YOU,
MARGUETE.
GOD HAS GRANTED ME A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.


ELLA,
WHAT'S WRONG? NOT FEELING WELL?
AH, SORRY. I'LL HELP.
IT'S FINE.
WE'VE GROWN USED TO MOVING AROUND.
SINCE WE CAME OF WORKING AGE,
WE'VE LEFT THE ORPHANAGE AND SPENT OUR LIVES TOGETHER.
WE CAN SEE THE OCEAN FROM THIS HOUSE.
LOVELY, ISN'T IT?
BUT IT FEELS LIKE MOURNING.
ARE YOU YEARNING TO RETURN THERE, GRETA?
HAHA. I'VE NOWHERE IN THE SEA TO RETURN TO.
WE MOVE EVERY TIME SOMEONE FINDS OUT SHE IS A MERMAID.


I HOPE EVERYTHING GOES WELL AT THE NEW JOB.
THIS TIME I'VE STRAYED FAR PAST THE IMAGE OF A MERMAID. I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO'D UNDERSTAND?
WELL, YOU'RE NOT USUALLY ANY GOOD AT HIDING.
QUIET, YOU.
THERE ARE SOME HUMANS WHO'D TARGET HER WHEN THEY FIND OUT SHE'S A MERMAID.
LITTLE DOES SHE KNOW, SUCH A HUMAN WAS RIGHT BESIDE HER.
AND YET, SHE LAUGHS AT MY SIDE.
OH, RIGHT, TOMORROW YOU'LL BE OFF TO THE NEW HOSPITAL, THEN?
YEAH.
I HOPE YOU GET A LITTLE BIT BETTER.
YEAH...
WHAT A FOOLISH WOMAN.


ONCE AGAIN...
MY LIFE IS GETTING SHORTER AND SHORTER.
I CAN'T SAY I EXPECTED ANY IMPROVEMENT...
SO IT WAS ONLY NATURAL.
ANXIETY, IMPATIENCE, AND FEAR
ERODE THE BODY AS WELL AS THE MIND.


THESE FEELINGS I HAVE
FOR NO ONE BUT HER.
THEY'RE ONLY NATURAL.
ELLA! WELCOME HOME.
THIS IS LILY, FROM NEXT DOOR.
SHE CAME TO MAKE HER ACQUAINTANCES.
PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. I'M ELEANOR. I LIVE WITH GRETA.
MY APOLOGIES, WE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES.
OH, IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
...
SORRY, I'M NOT FEELING WELL, SO I'LL HEAD INSIDE.
AH, IN THAT CASE I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE.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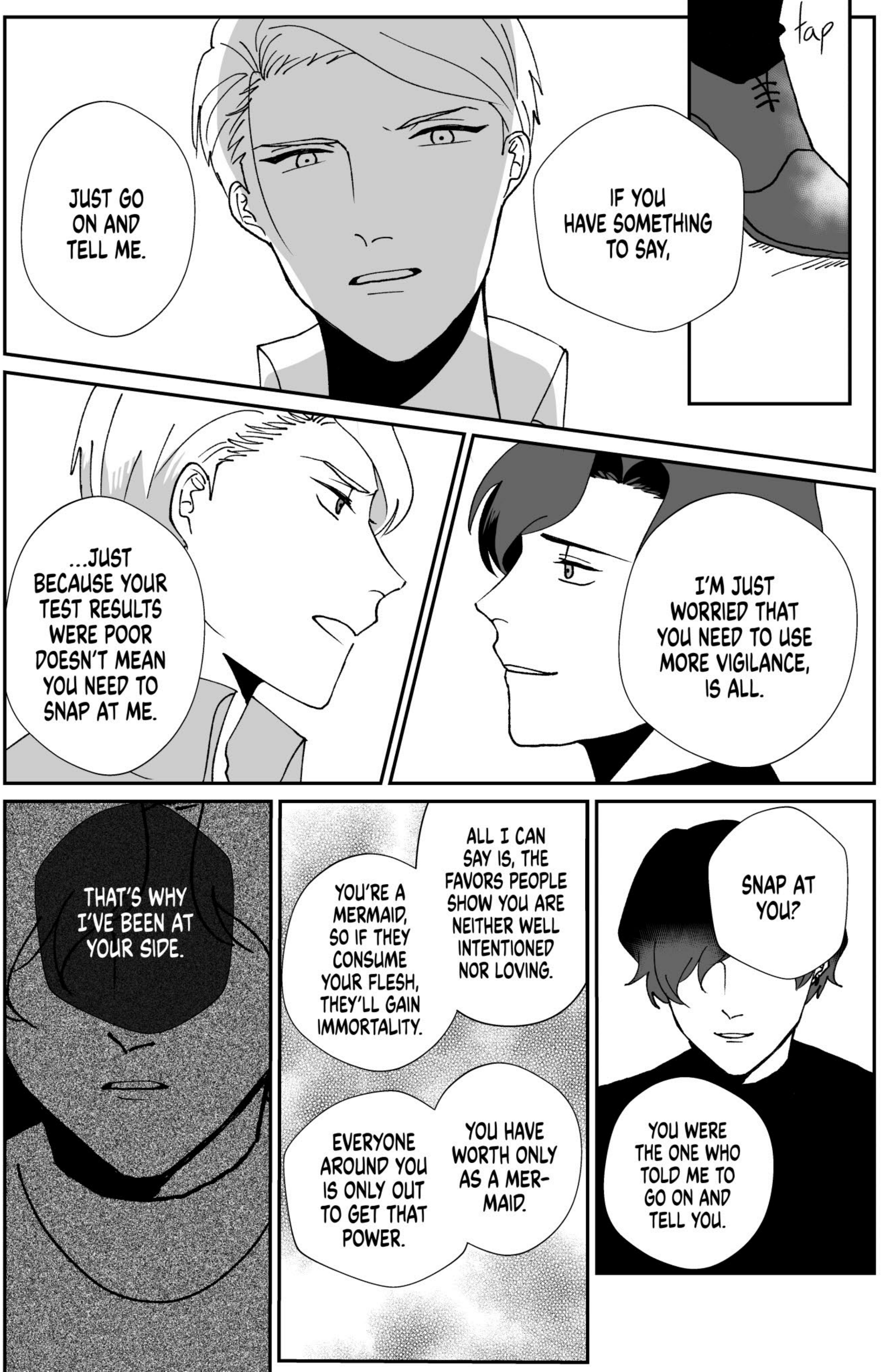
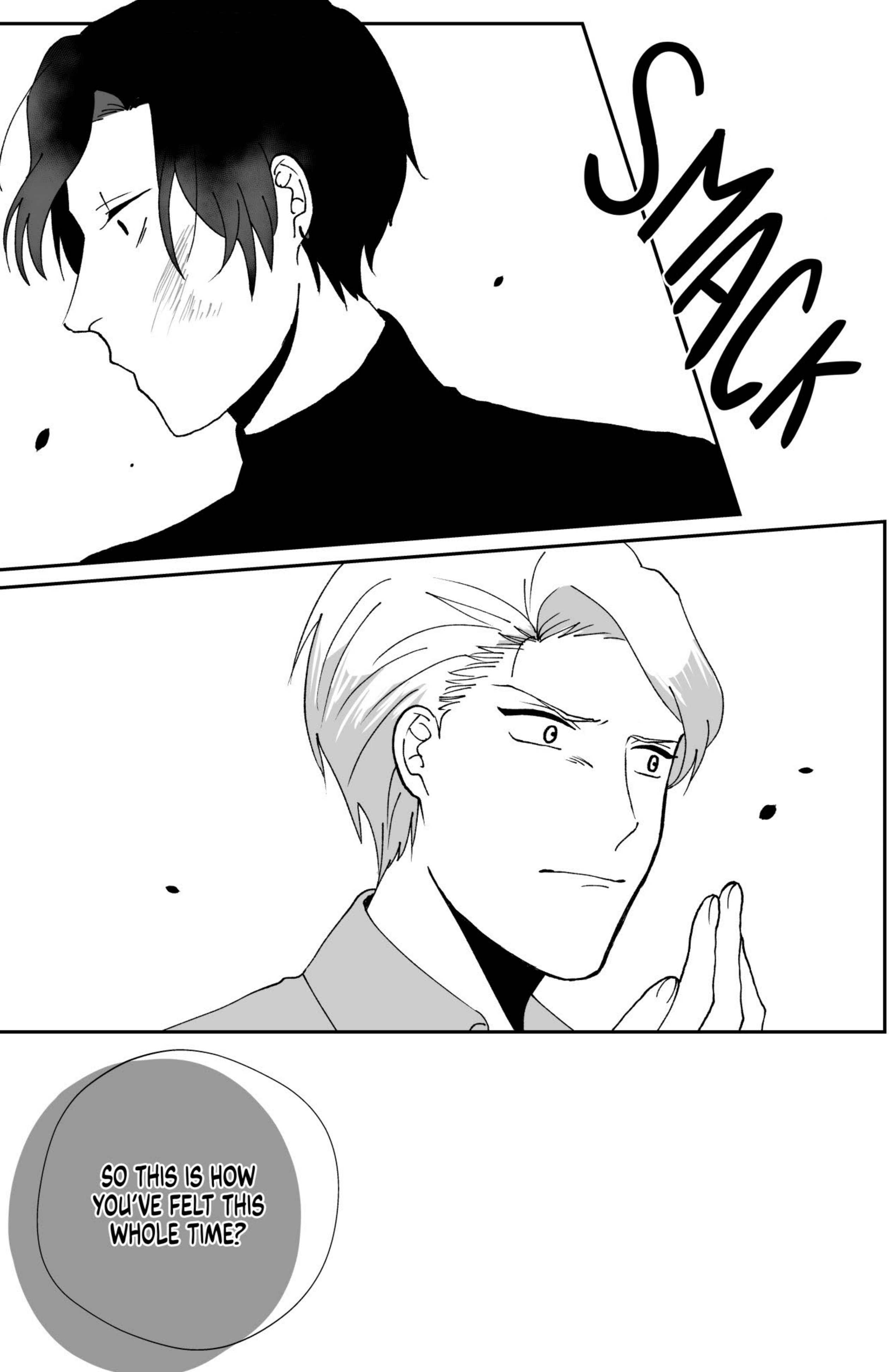
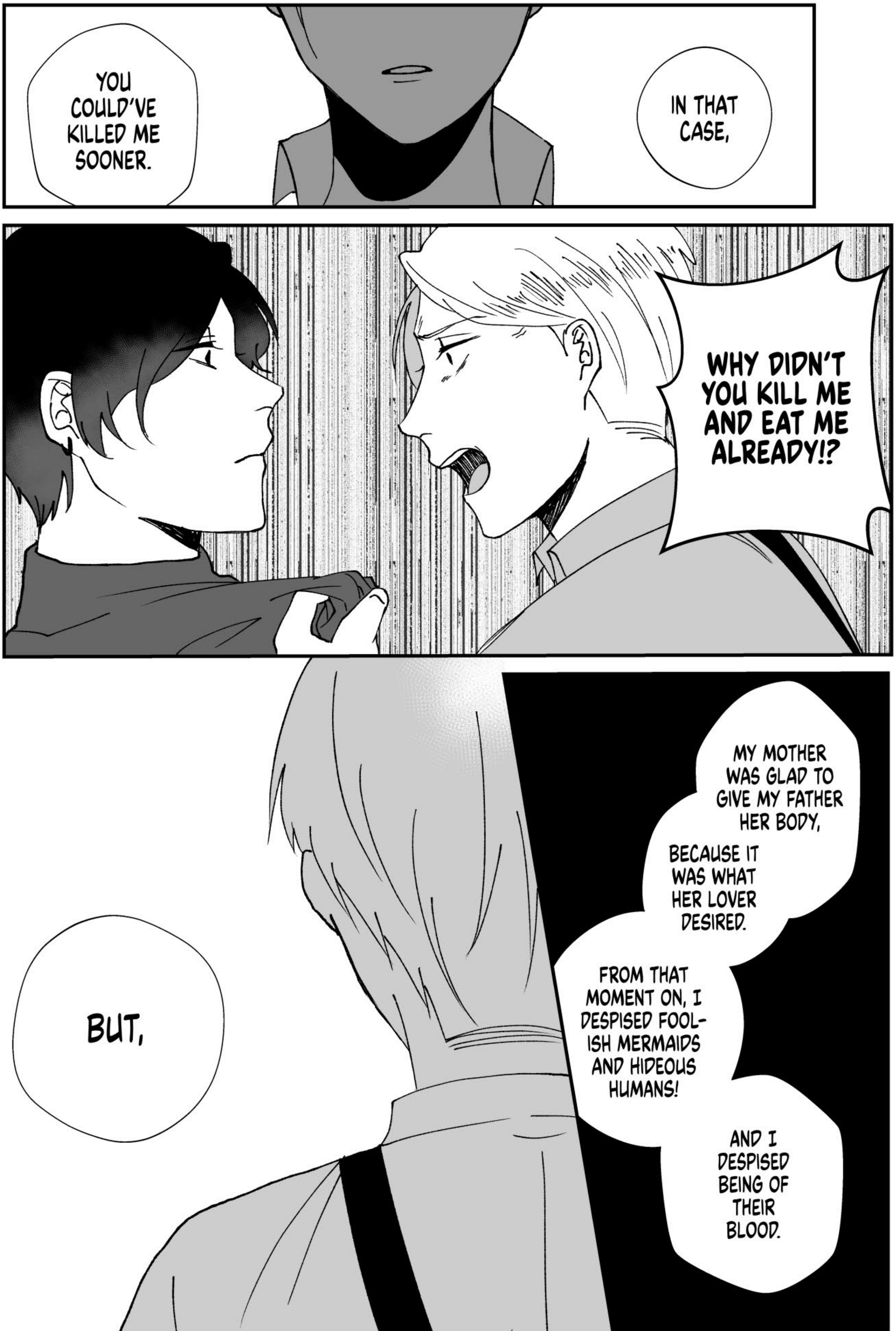
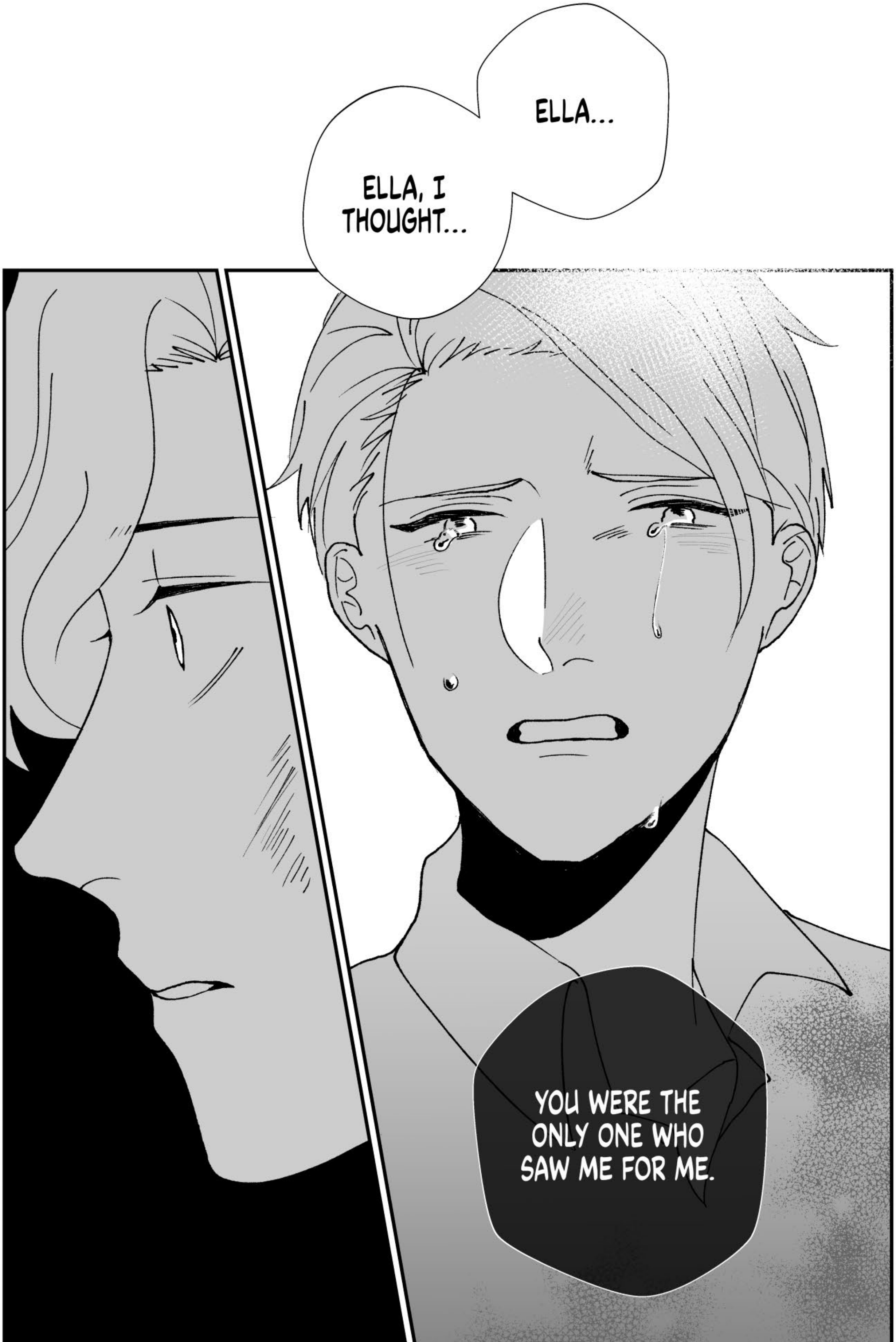
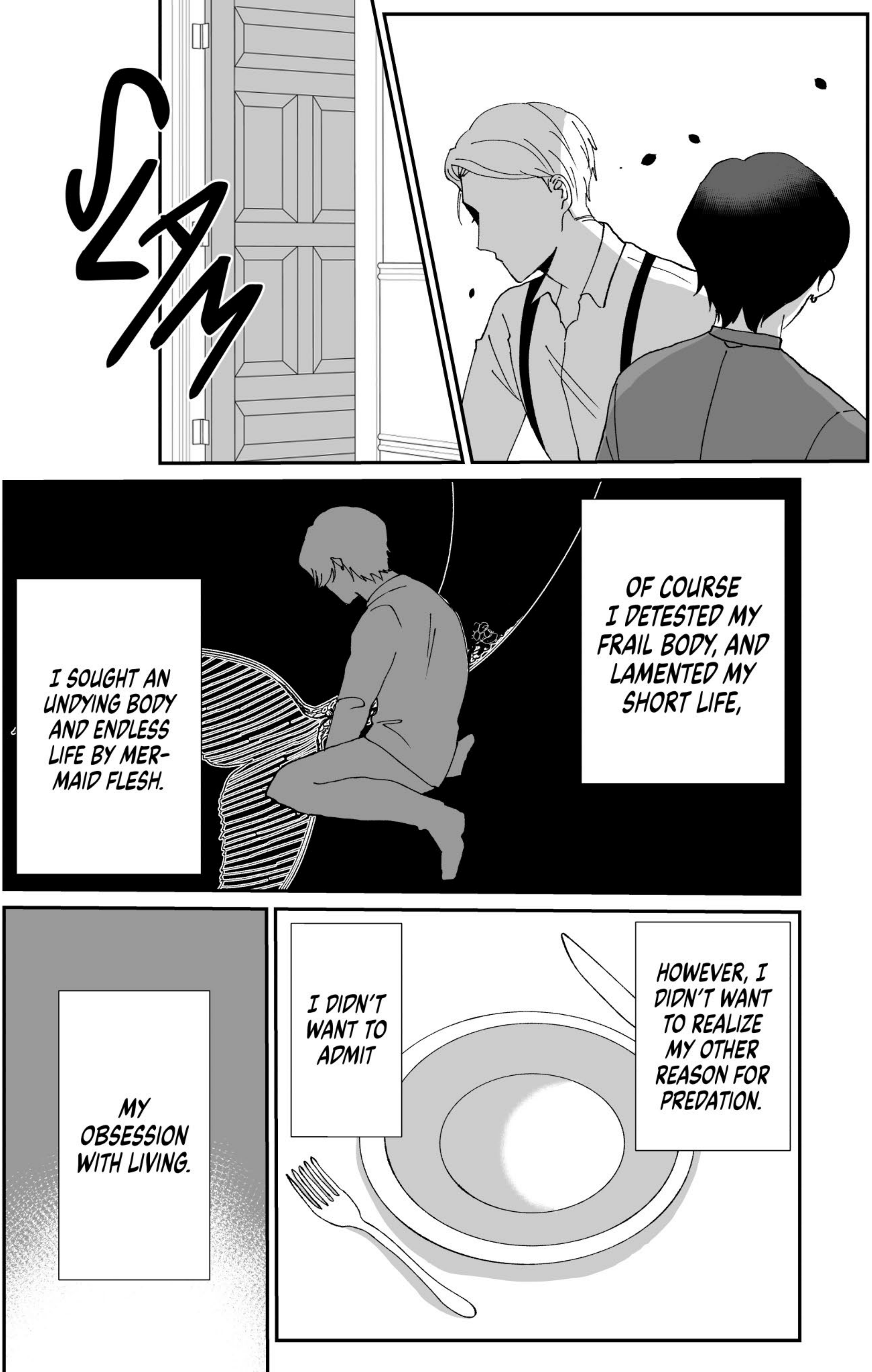
GEEZ, ELLA, IT COULDN'T HURT TO BE MORE AMICABLE.
HMM? BUT I PROPERLY INTRODUCED MYSELF. HEHE.
LET'S AT LEAST GET ALONG WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.
SHE WAS QUITE A FRIENDLY ONE.
RIGHT?
SHE SAID TO CALL IF WE HAD ANY TROUBLE.
WOW, HOW GENEROUS.
JUST DON'T GET FOUND OUT AGAIN, ALRIGHT?
YOU CAN BE QUITE GULLIBLE.
WHAT? YOU'VE GOT SOME THORNY LANGUAGE TODAY.
LET'S THINK, WHO IS THE REASON FOR EVERY MOVE WE MAKE?

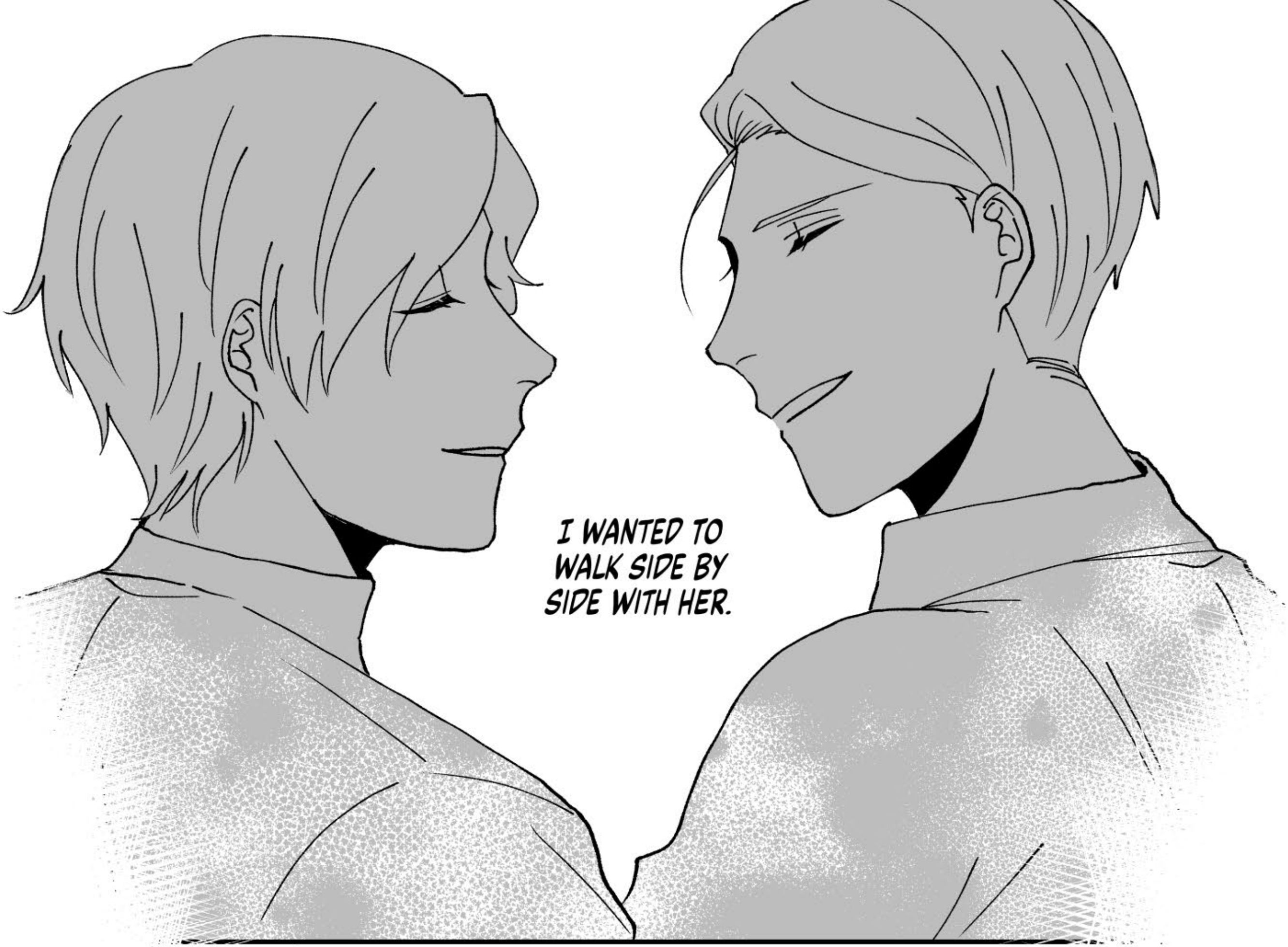

tap
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY,
JUST GO ON AND TELL ME.
I'M JUST WORRIED THAT YOU NEED TO USE MORE VIGILANCE, IS ALL.
...JUST BECAUSE YOUR TEST RESULTS WERE POOR DOESN'T MEAN YOU NEED TO SNAP AT ME.
SNAP AT YOU?
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO GO ON AND TELL YOU.
ALL I CAN SAY IS, THE FAVORS PEOPLE SHOW YOU ARE NEITHER WELL INTENTIONED NOR LOVING.
YOU'RE A MERMAID, SO IF THEY CONSUME YOUR FLESH, THEY'LL GAIN IMMORTALITY.
YOU HAVE WORTH ONLY AS A MERMAID.
EVERYONE AROUND YOU IS ONLY OUT TO GET THAT POWER.
THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN AT YOUR SIDE.

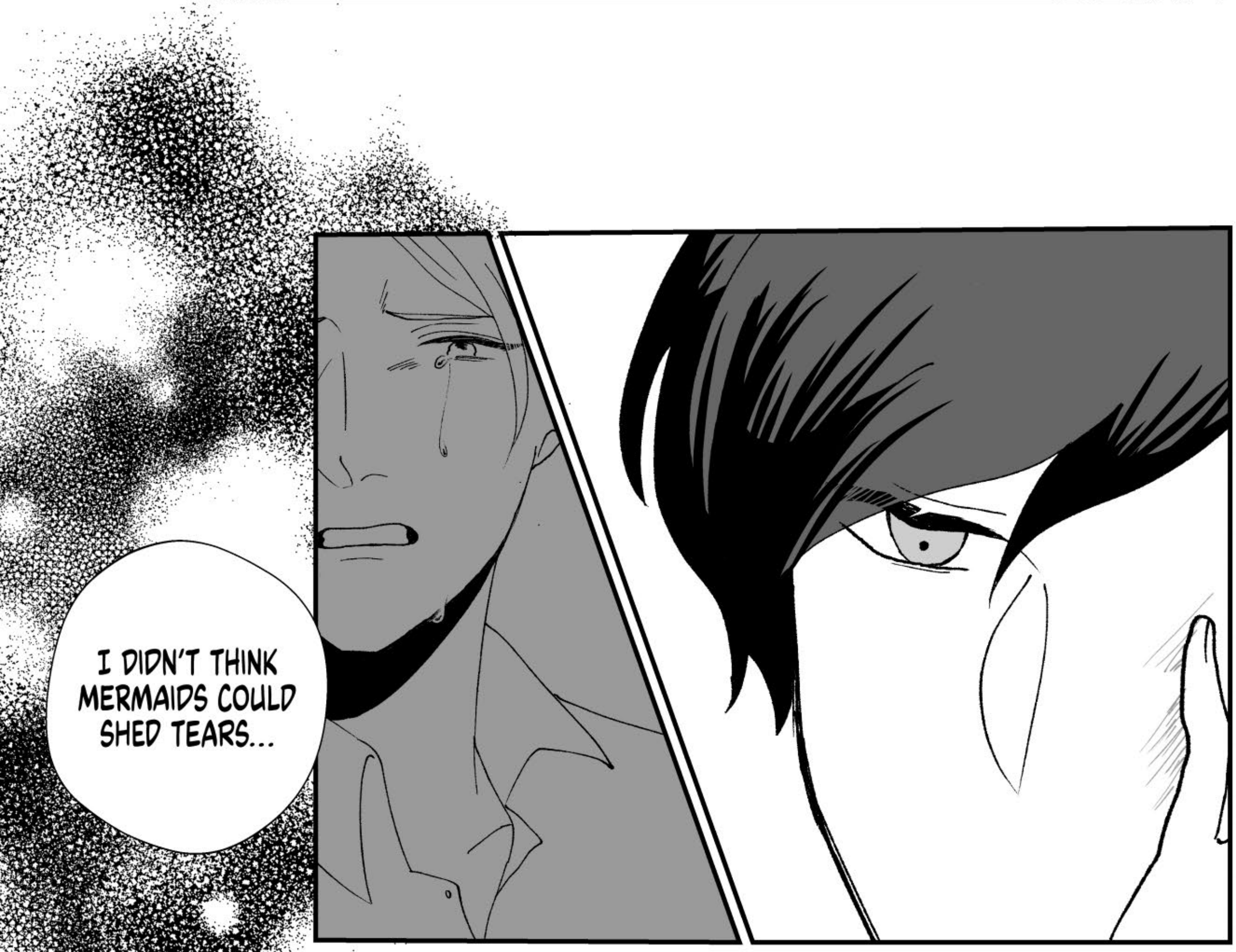

SMACK
SO THIS IS HOW YOU'VE FELT THIS WHOLE TIME?

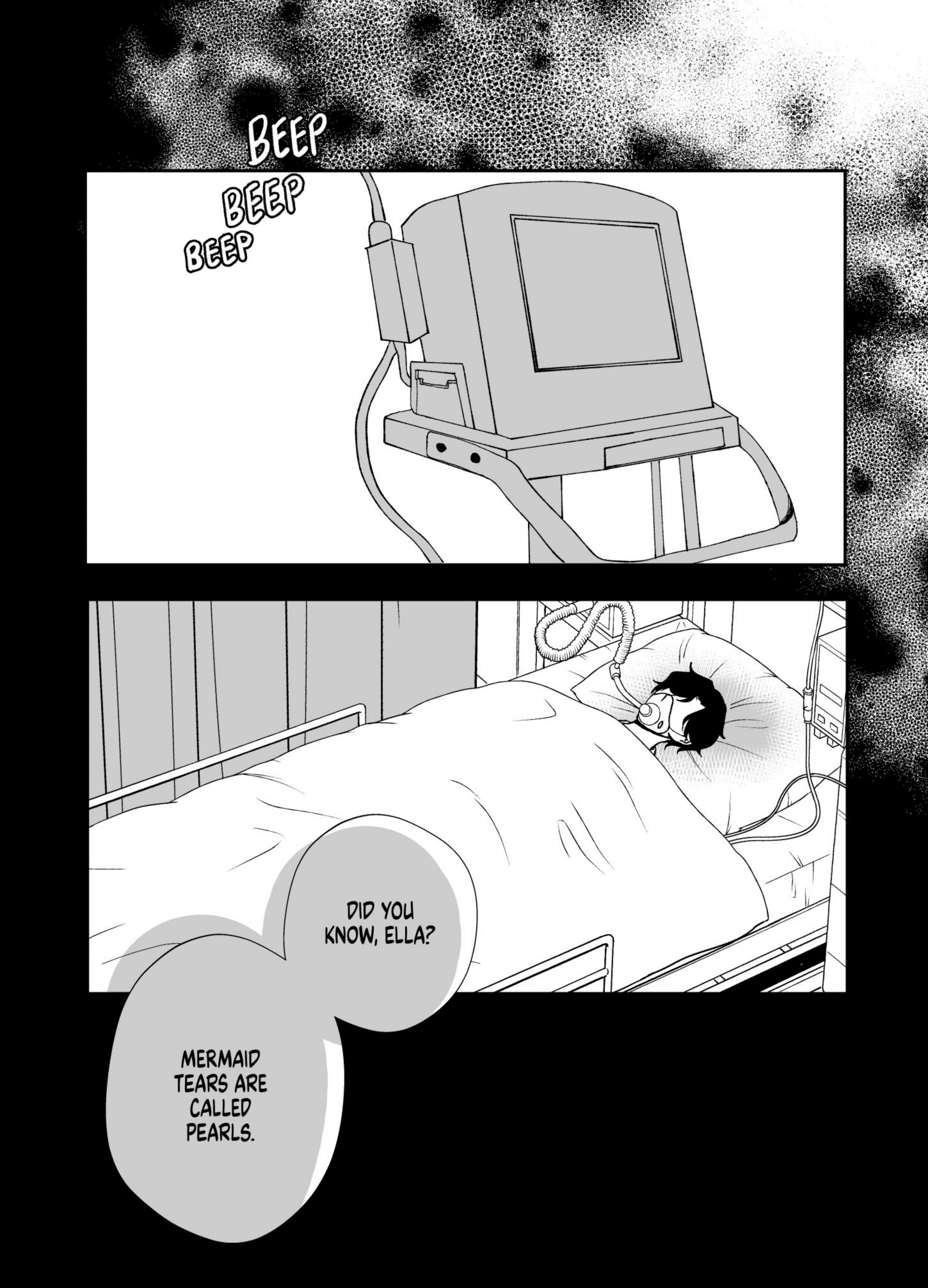

YOU COULD'VE KILLED ME SOONER.
IN THAT CASE,
WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL ME AND EAT ME ALREADY!?
MY MOTHER WAS GLAD TO GIVE MY FATHER HER BODY,
BECAUSE IT WAS WHAT HER LOVER DESIRED.
FROM THAT MOMENT ON, I DESPISED FOOLISH MERMAIDS AND HIDEOUS HUMANS!
AND I DESPISED BEING OF THEIR BLOOD.
BUT,

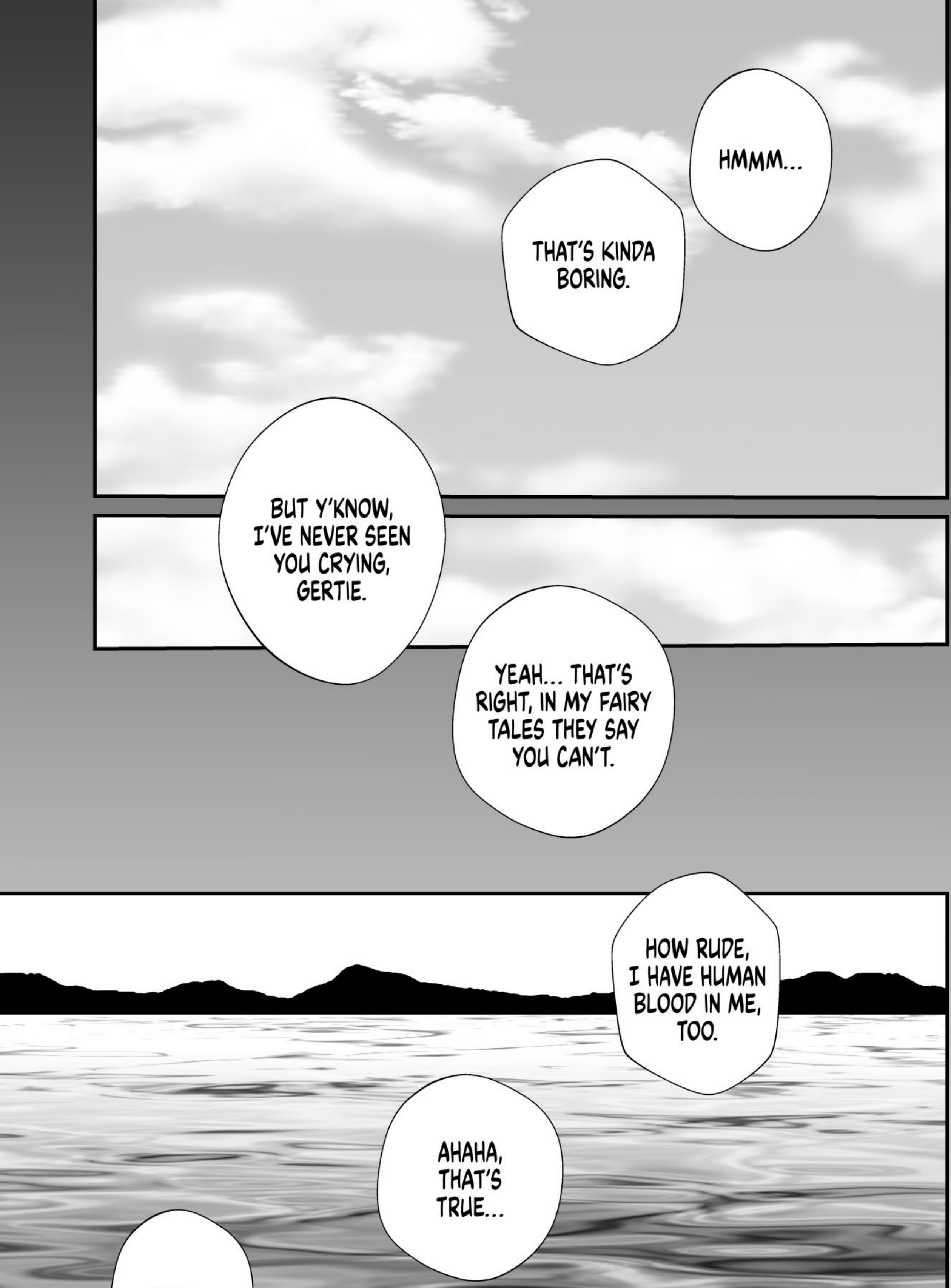

ELLA...
ELLA, I THOUGHT...
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW ME FOR ME.

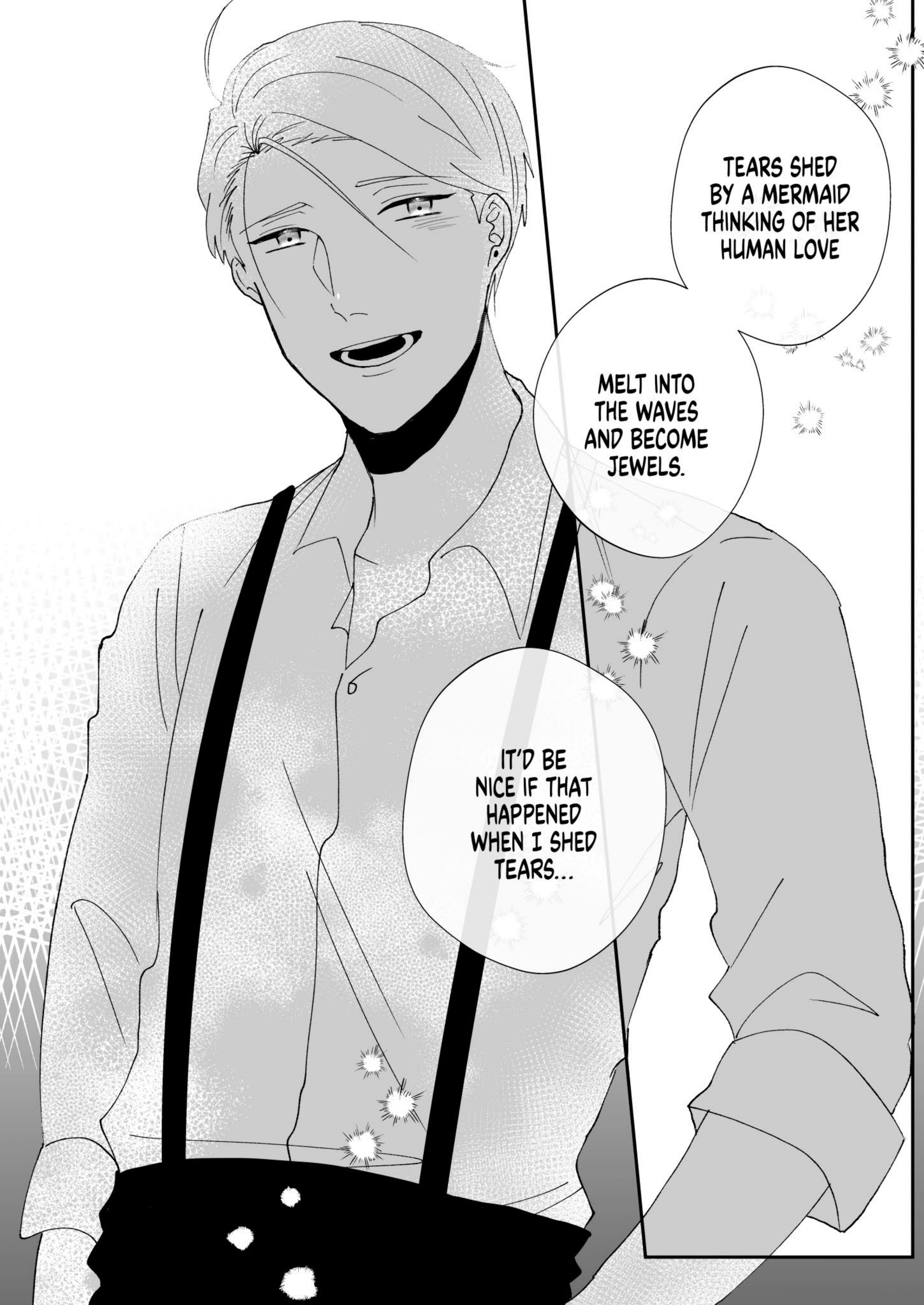

SLAM
OF COURSE I DETESTED MY FRAIL BODY, AND LAMENTED MY SHORT LIFE,
I SOUGHT AN UNDYING BODY AND ENDLESS LIFE BY MERMAID FLESH.
HOWEVER, I DIDN'T WANT TO REALIZE MY OTHER REASON FOR PREDATION.
I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT
MY OBSESSION WITH LIVING.

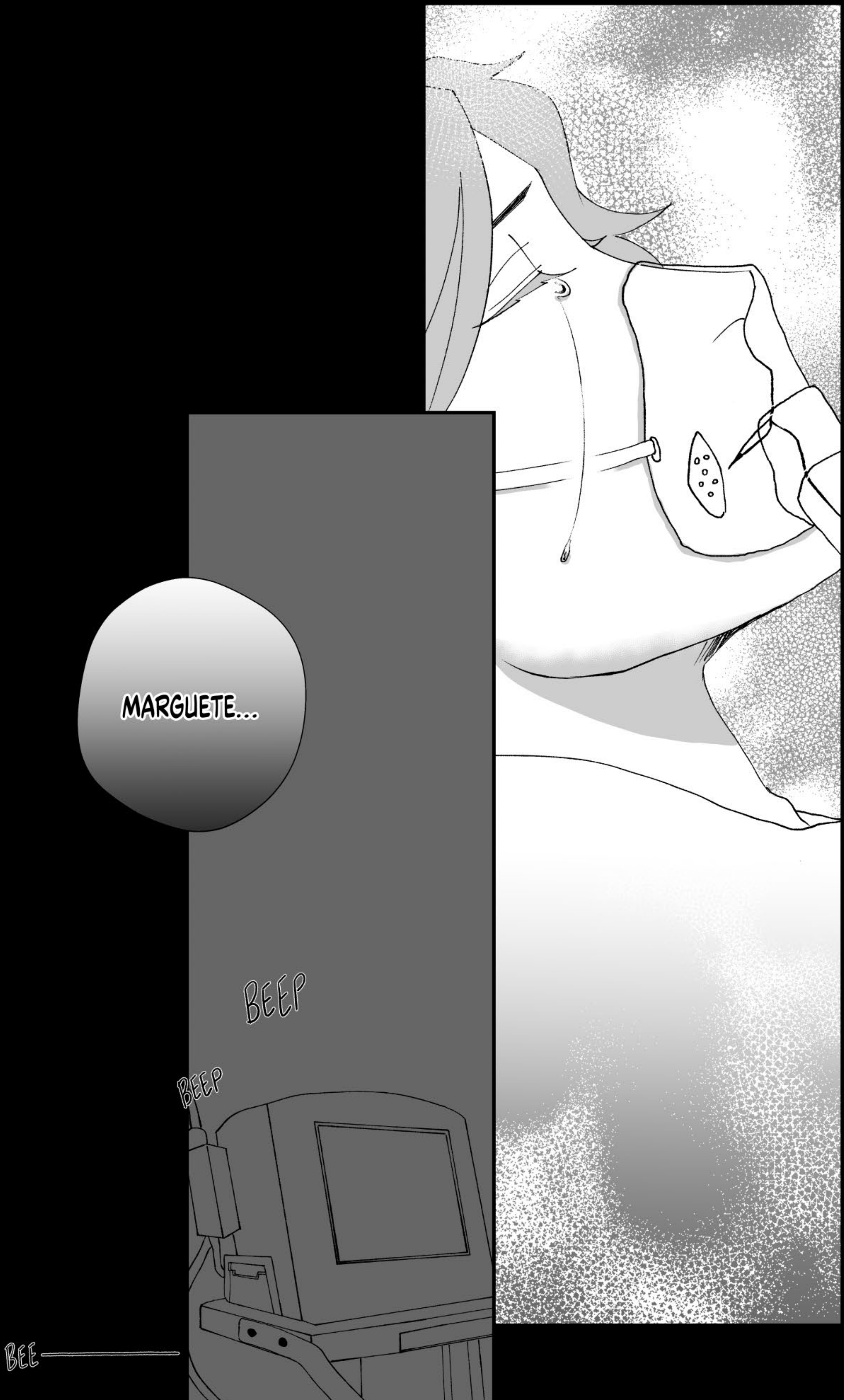

I WANTED TO WALK SIDE BY SIDE WITH HER.


I DIDN'T THINK MERMAIDS COULD SHED TEARS...


BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
DID YOU KNOW, ELLA?
MERMAID TEARS ARE CALLED PEARLS.


HMMM...
THAT'S KINDA BORING.
BUT Y'KNOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU CRYING, GERTIE.
YEAH... THAT'S RIGHT, IN MY FAIRY TALES THEY SAY YOU CAN'T.
HOW RUDE, I HAVE HUMAN BLOOD IN ME, TOO.
AHAHA, THAT'S TRUE...
BUT...


TEARS SHED BY A MERMAID THINKING OF HER HUMAN LOVE
MELT INTO THE WAVES AND BECOME JEWELS.
IT'D BE NICE IF THAT HAPPENED WHEN I SHED TEARS...


MARGUETE...
BEEP
BEEP
BEE——

「Seafoam」

It's ephemeral, and thus disappears.

ALL-INCLUSIVE FEELINGS

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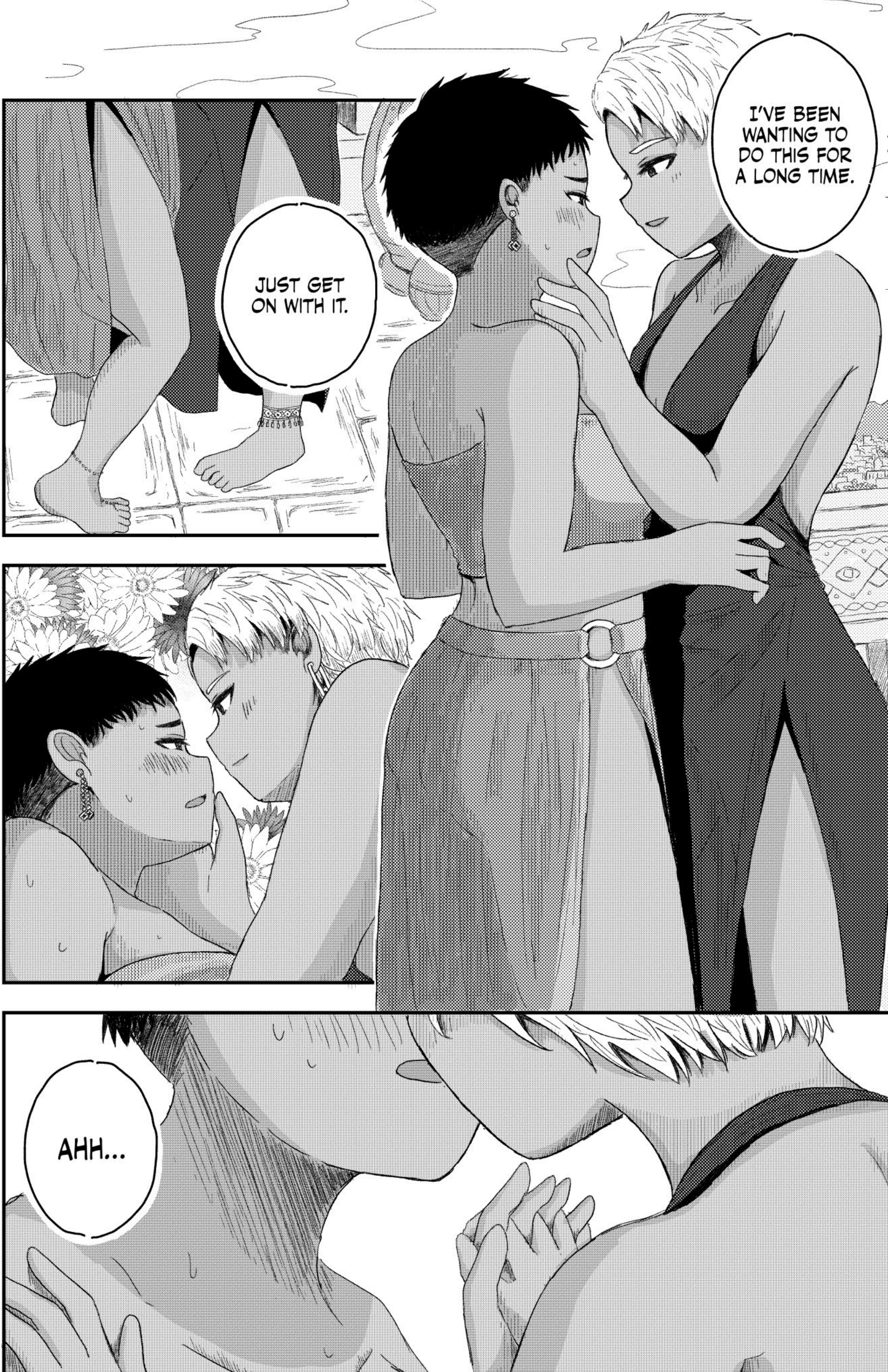
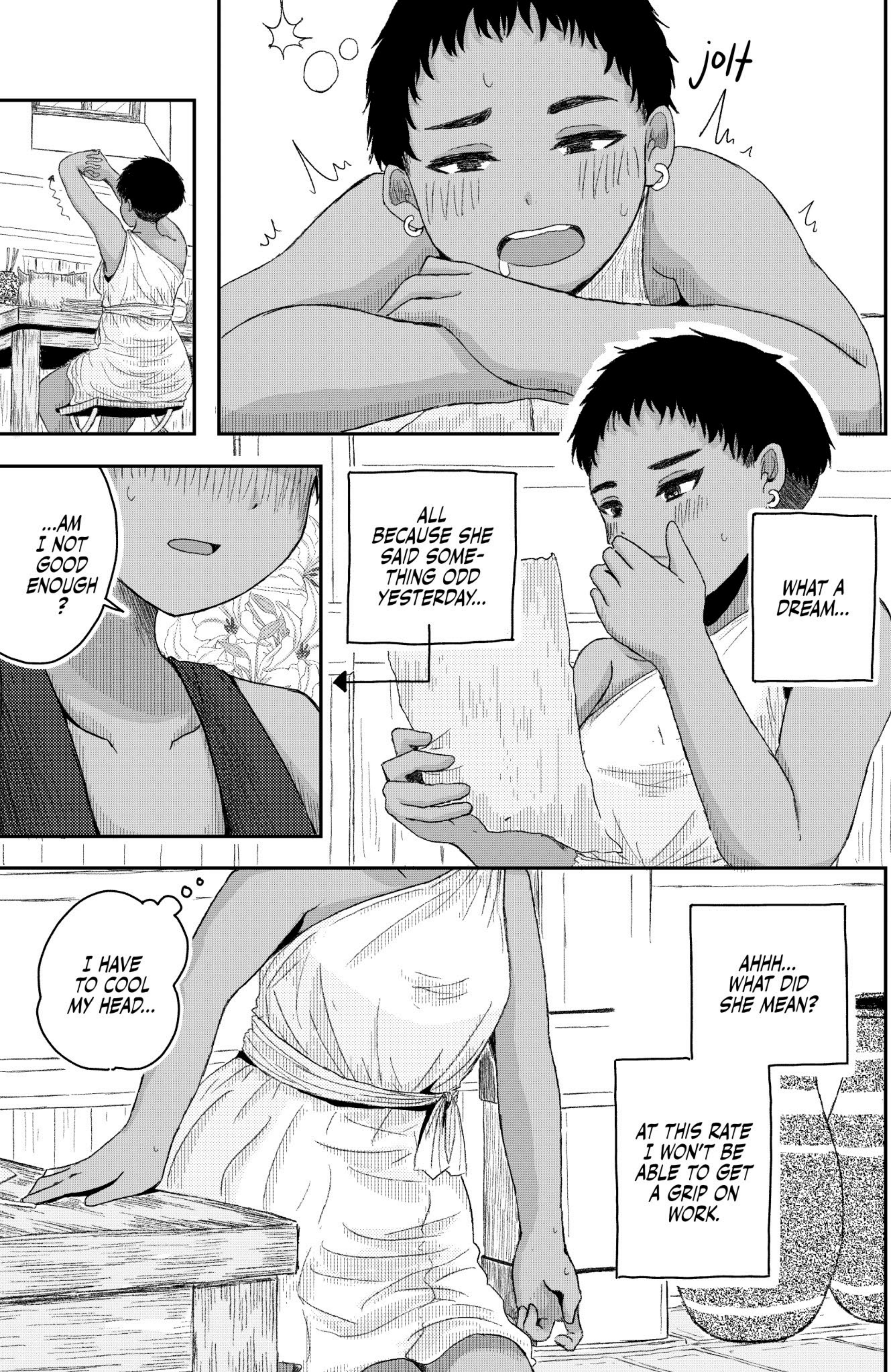
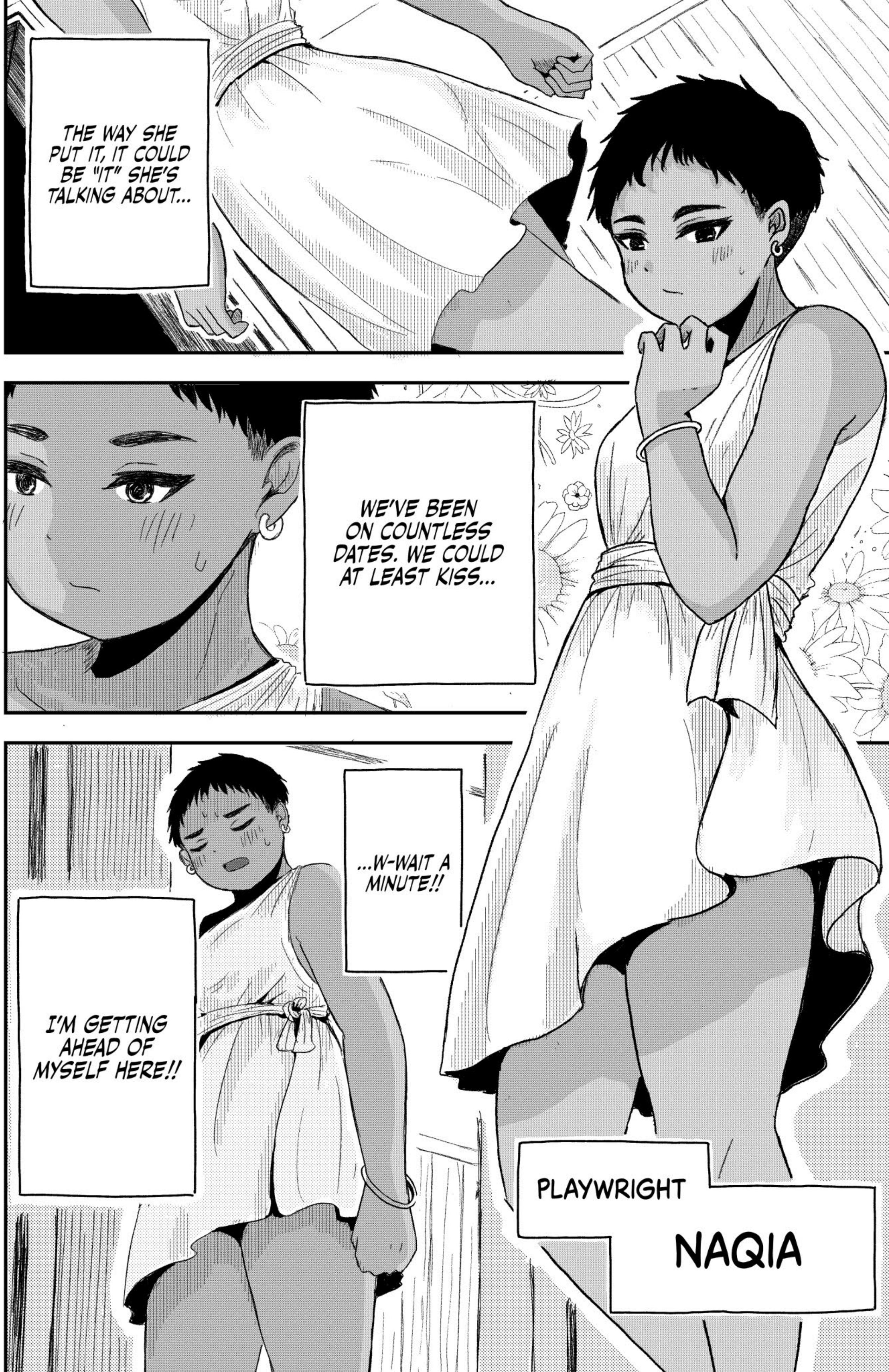
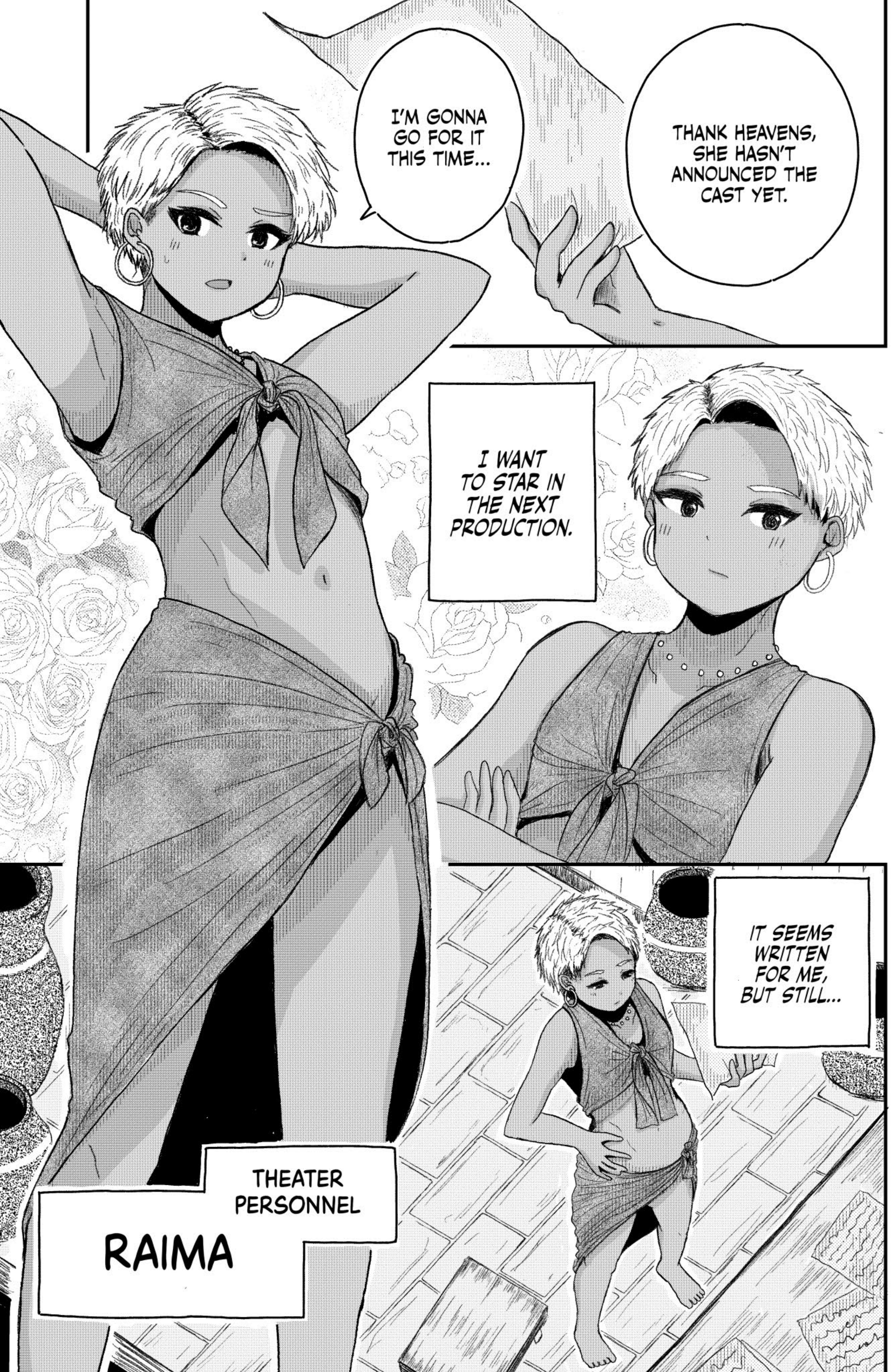
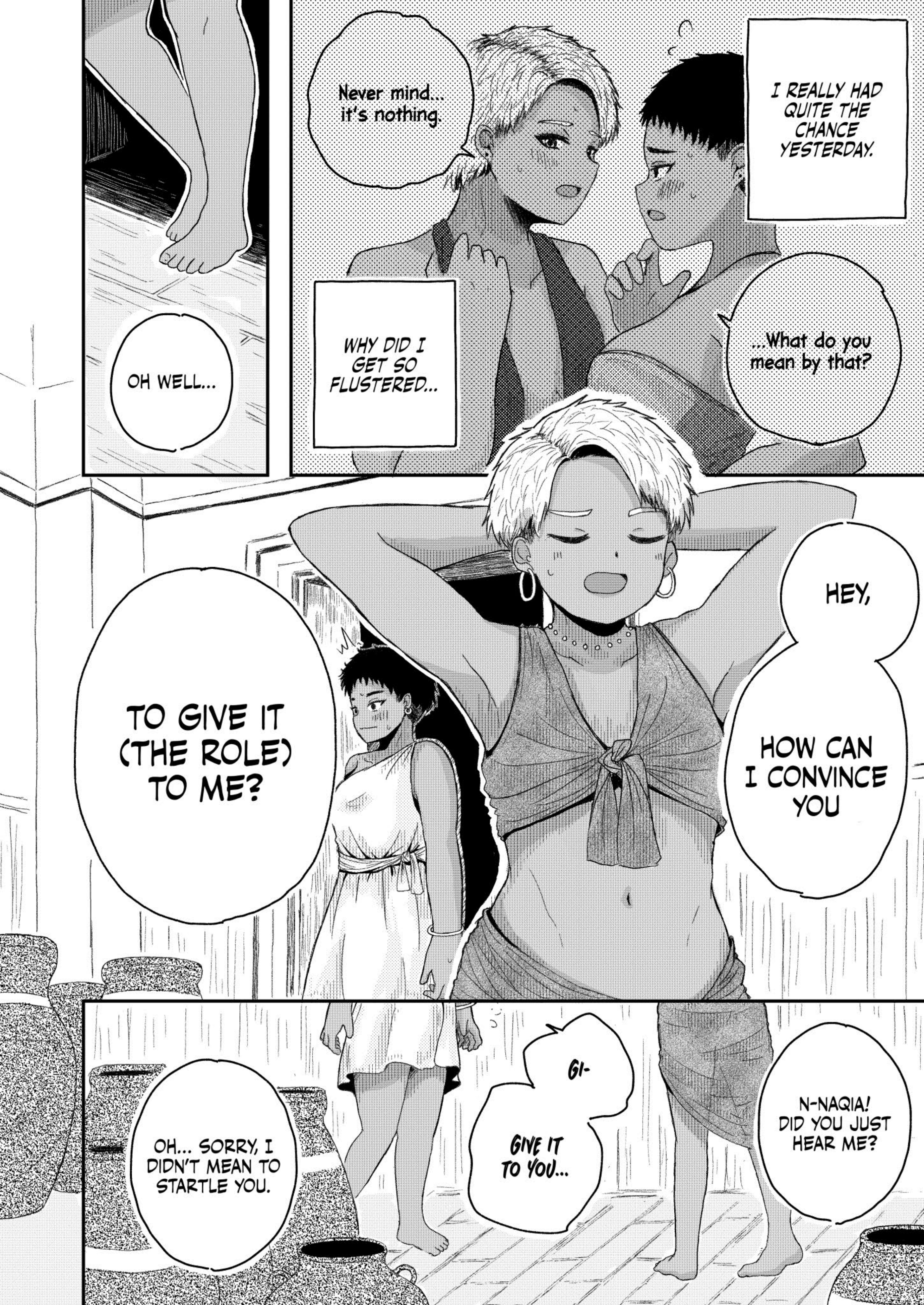
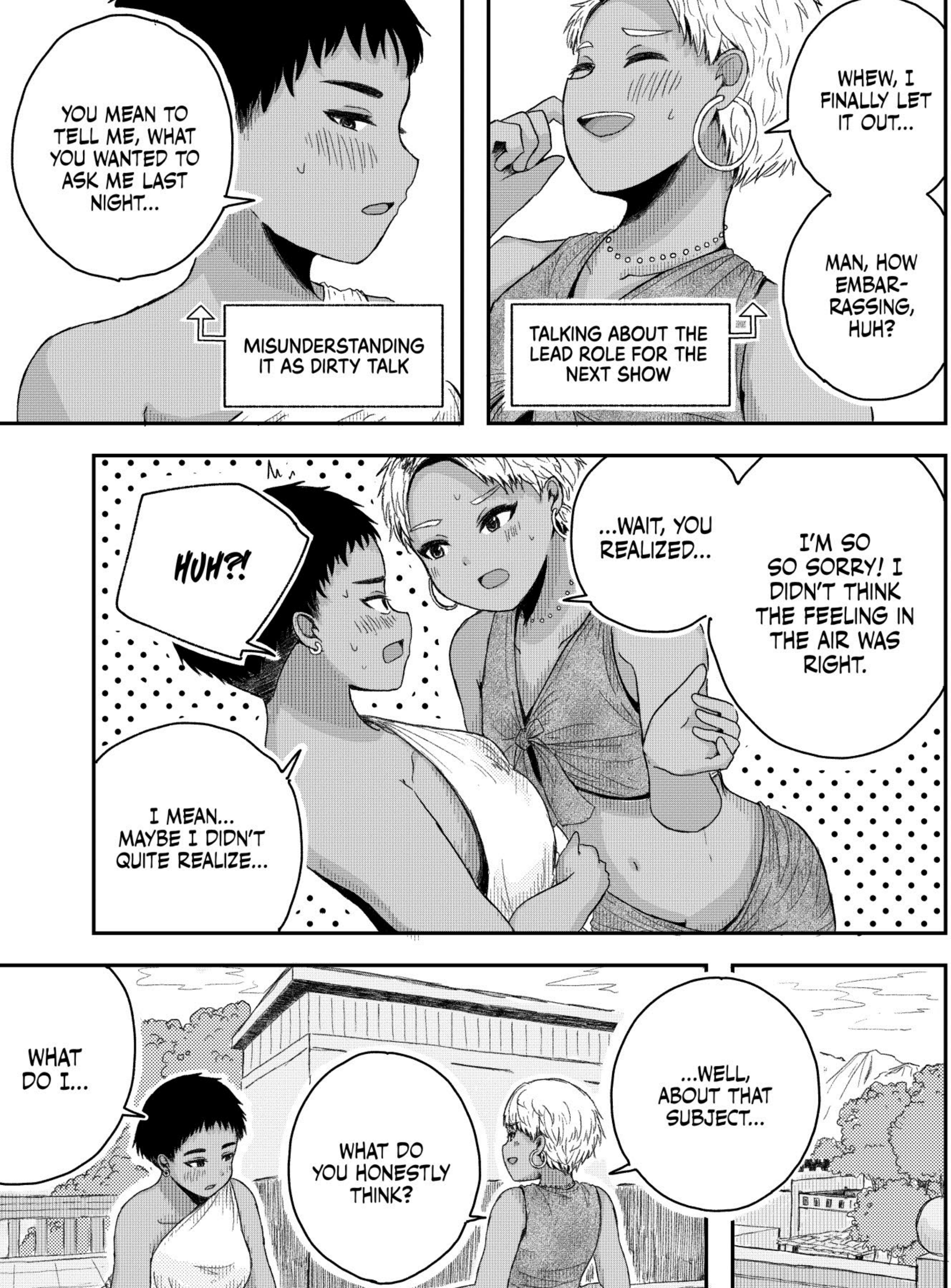

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO THIS FOR A LONG TIME.
JUST GET ON WITH IT.
AHH...

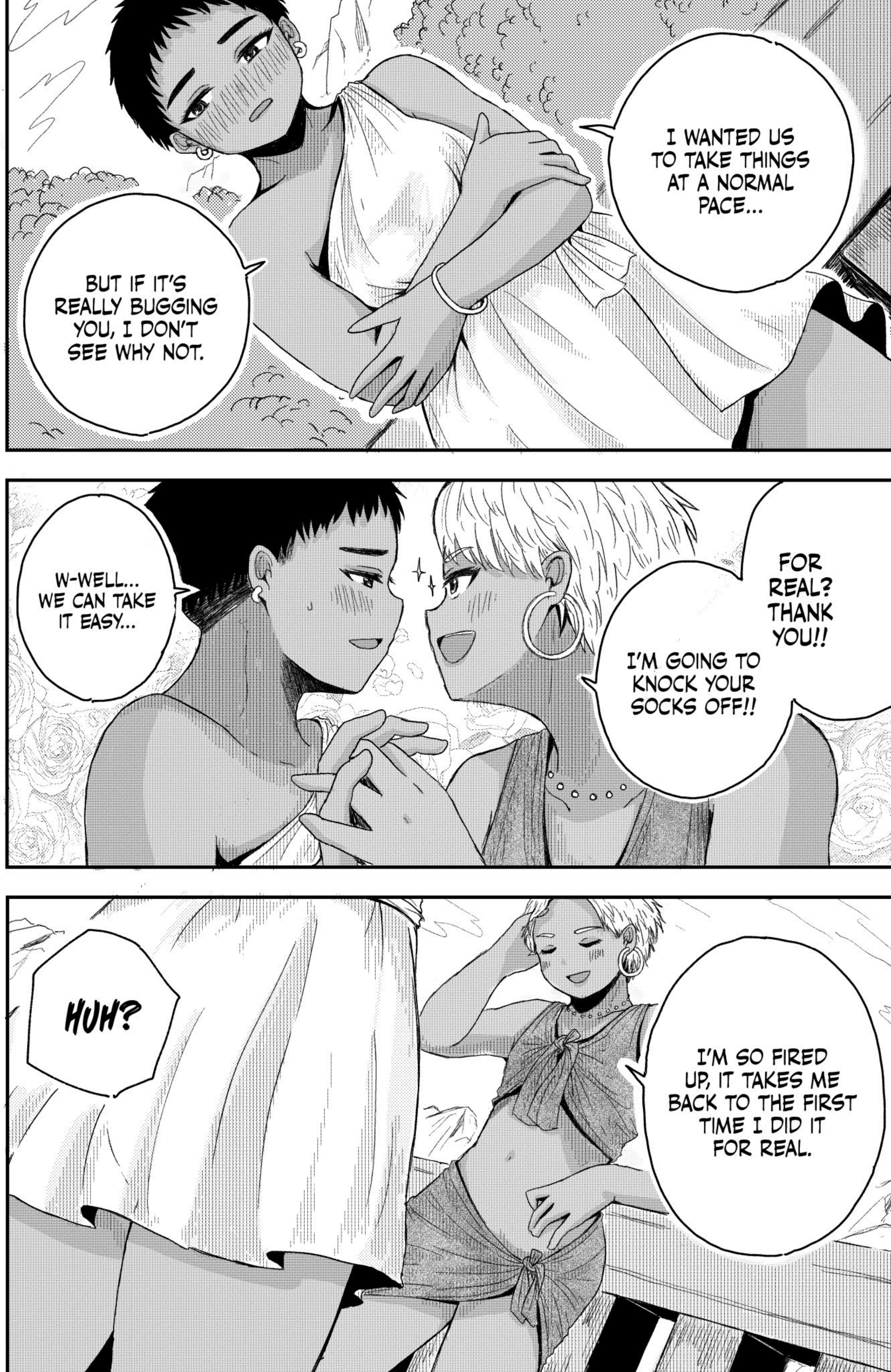

jolt
WHAT A DREAM...
ALL BECAUSE SHE SAID SOMETHING ODD YESTERDAY...
...AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH?
AHHH... WHAT DID SHE MEAN?
AT THIS RATE I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET A GRIP ON WORK.
I HAVE TO COOL MY HEAD...

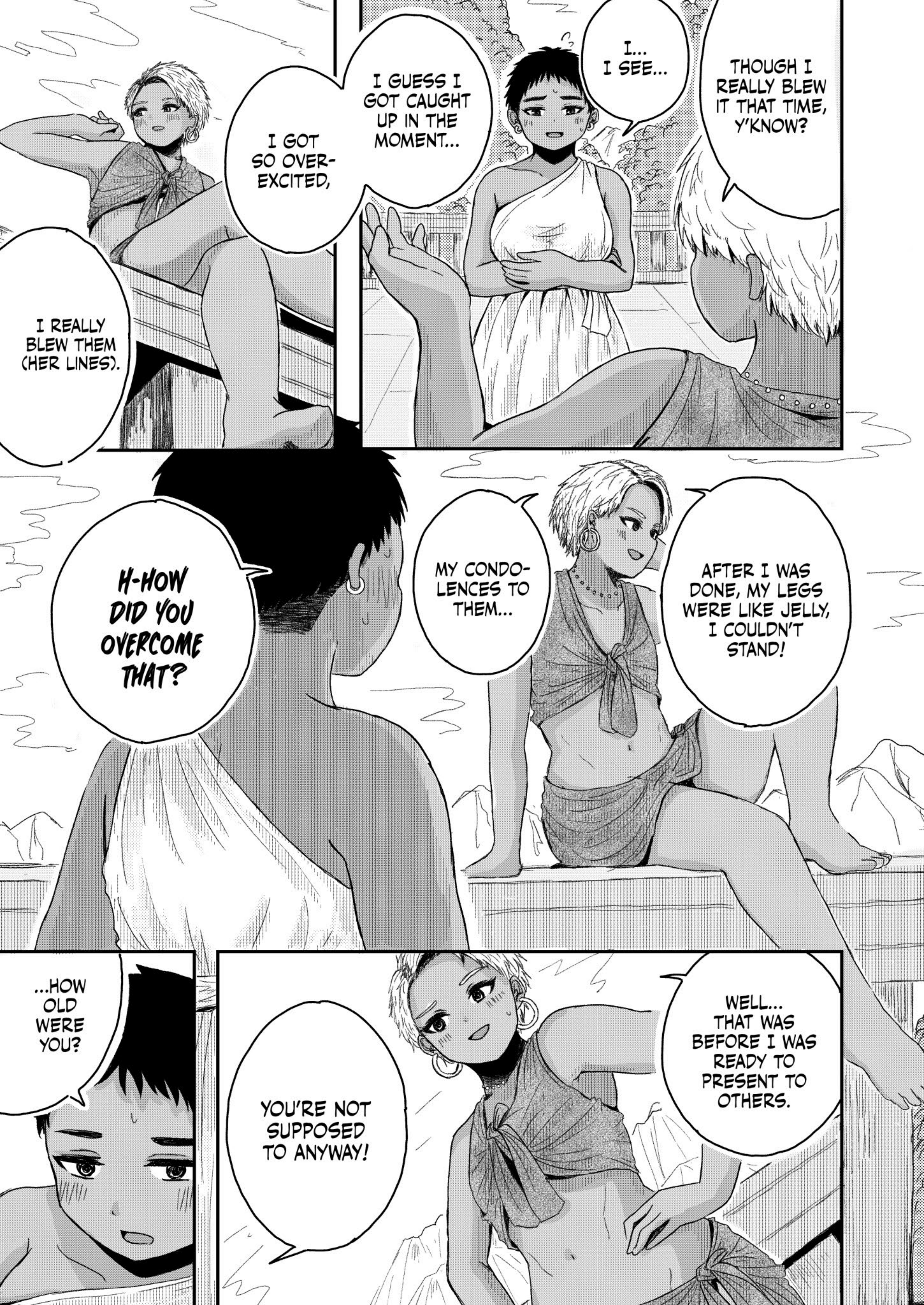

THE WAY SHE PUT IT, IT COULD BE "IT" SHE'S TALKING ABOUT...
WE'VE BEEN ON COUNTLESS DATES. WE COULD AT LEAST KISS...
...W-WAIT A MINUTE!!
I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF HERE!!
PLAYWRIGHT
NAQIA

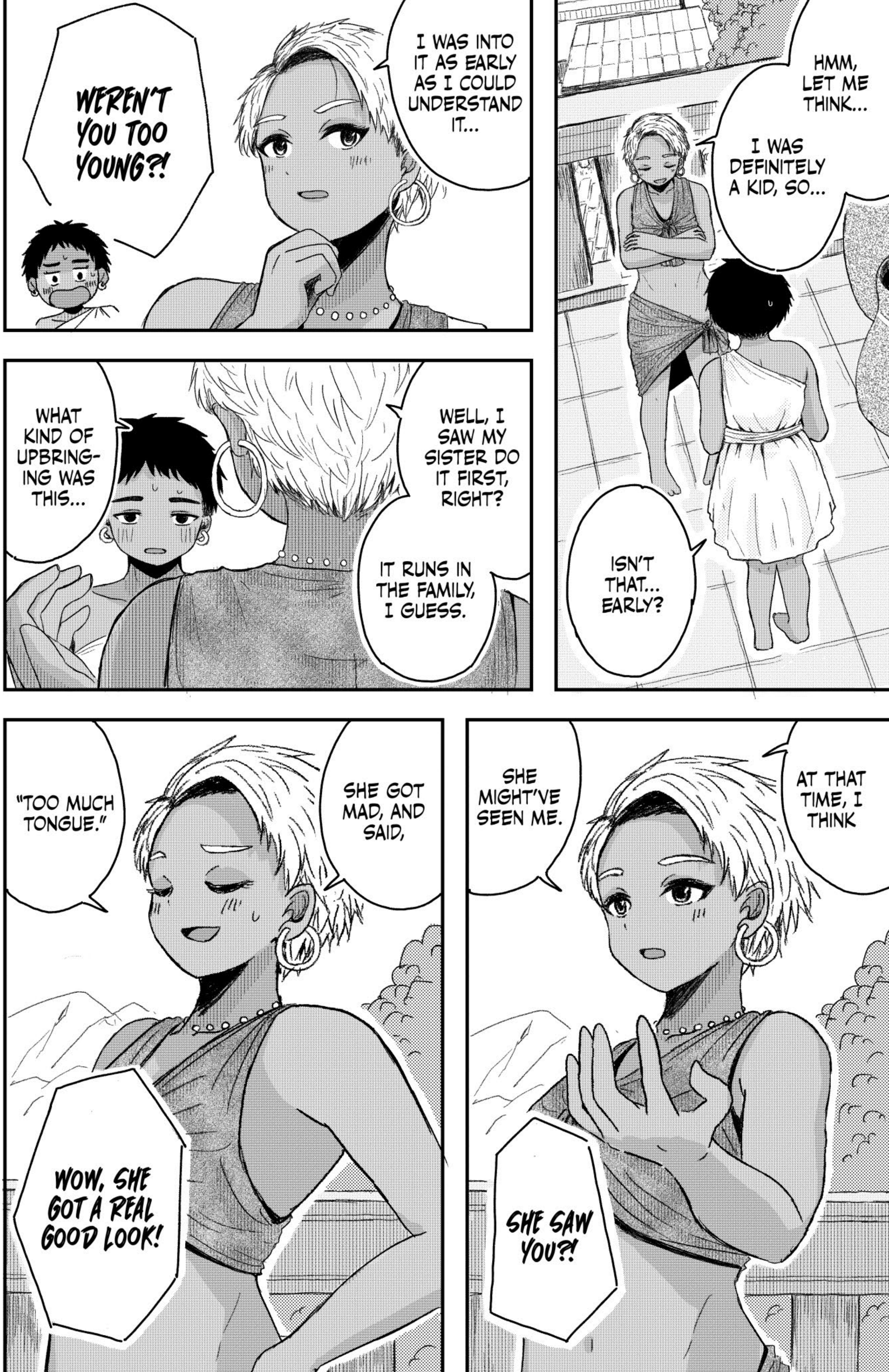

THANK HEAVENS, SHE HASN'T ANNOUNCED THE CAST YET.
I'M GONNA GO FOR IT THIS TIME...
I WANT TO STAR IN THE NEXT PRODUCTION.
IT SEEMS WRITTEN FOR ME, BUT STILL...
THEATER PERSONNEL
RAIMA

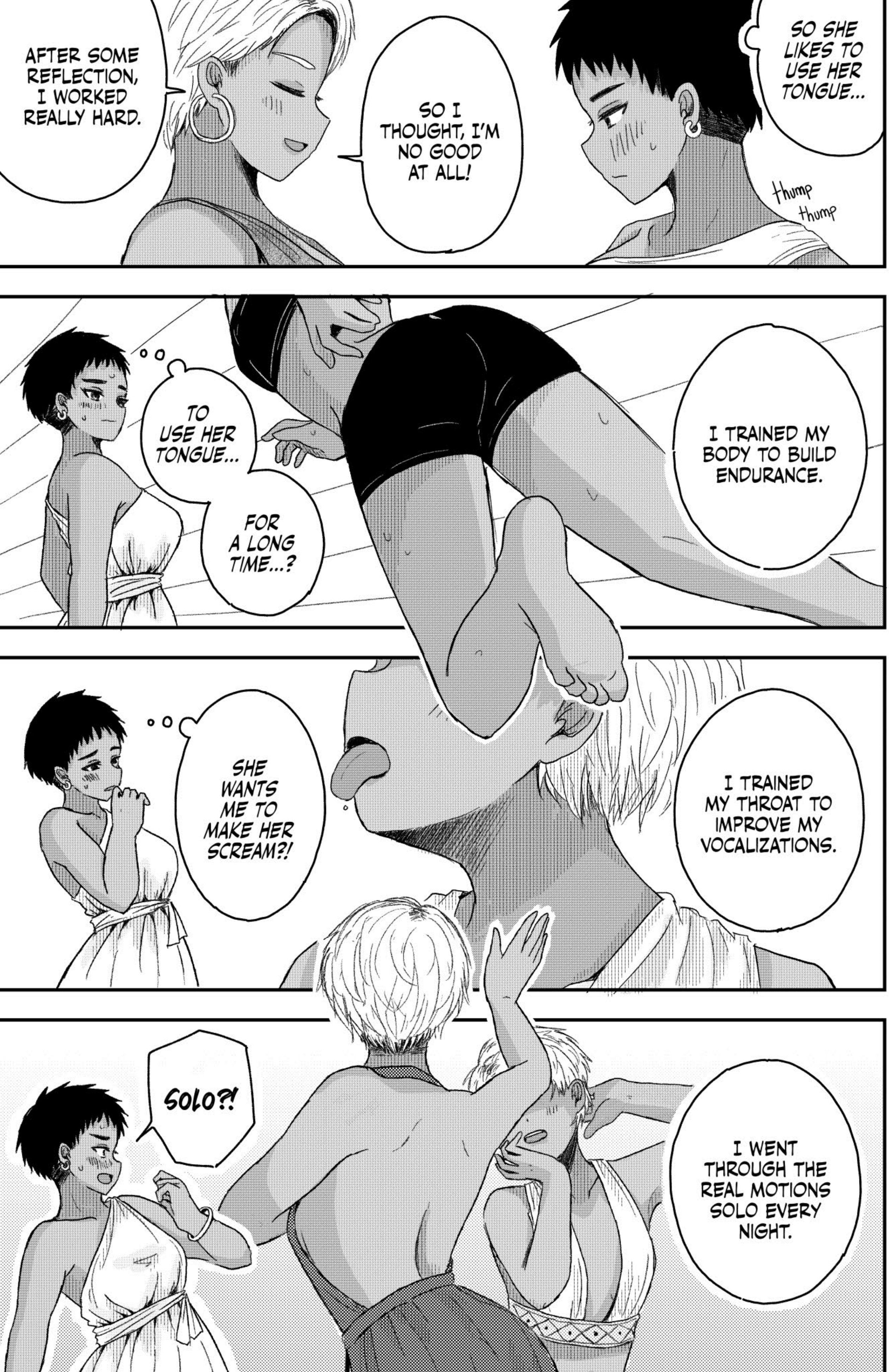

I REALLY HAD QUITE THE CHANCE YESTERDAY.
...What do you mean by that?
Never mind... it's nothing.
WHY DID I GET SO FLUSTERED...
OH WELL...
HEY,
HOW CAN I CONVINCE YOU
TO GIVE IT (THE ROLE) TO ME?
N-NAQIA! DID YOU JUST HEAR ME?
GI-
GIVE IT TO YOU...
OH... SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU.

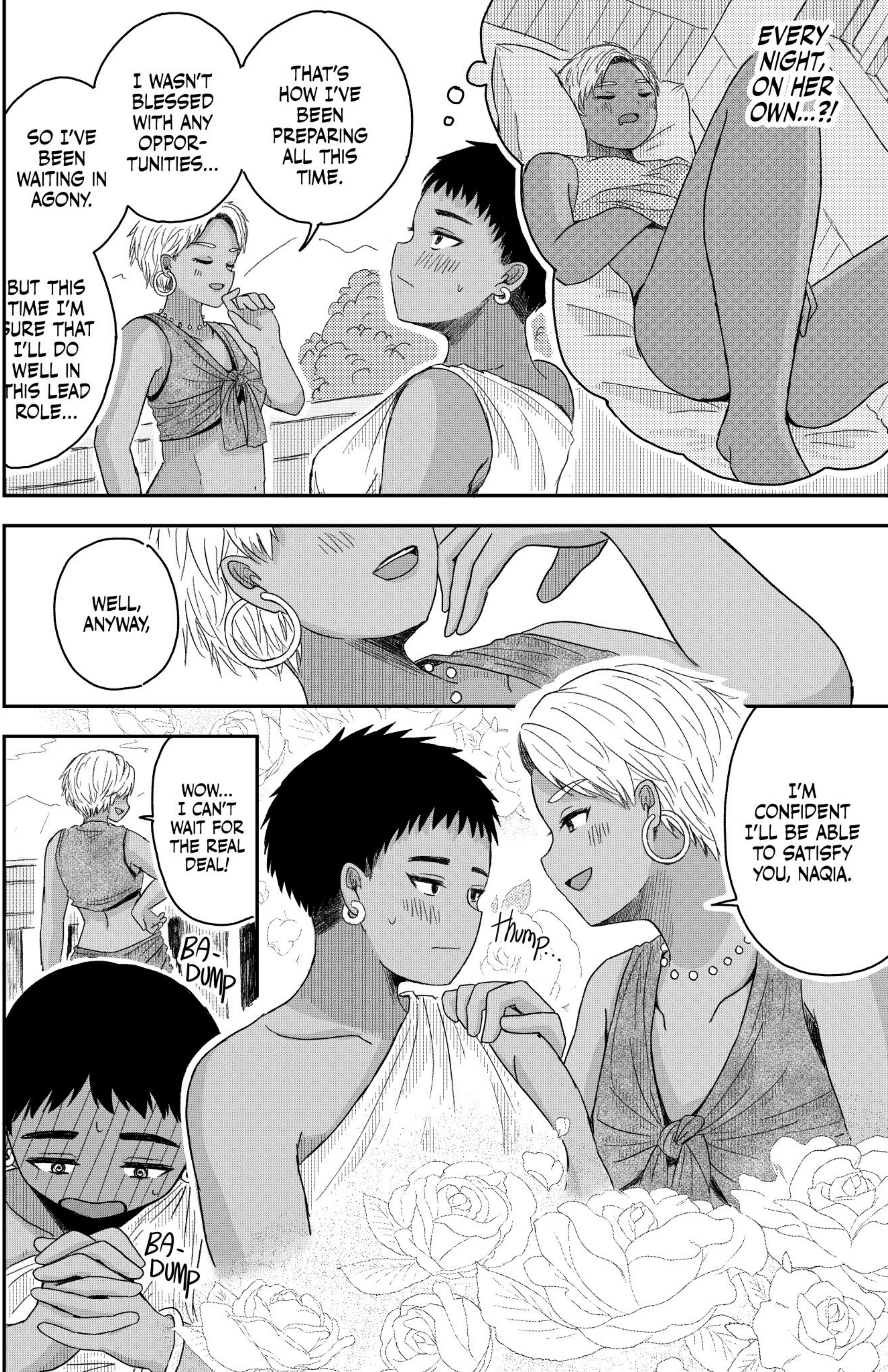

WHEW, I FINALLY LET IT OUT...
MAN, HOW EMBARRASSING, HUH?
TALKING ABOUT THE LEAD ROLE FOR THE NEXT SHOW
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME, WHAT YOU WANTED TO ASK ME LAST NIGHT...
MISUNDERSTANDING IT AS DIRTY TALK
...WAIT, YOU REALIZED...
I'M SO SO SORRY! I DIDN'T THINK THE FEELING IN THE AIR WAS RIGHT.
HUH?!
I MEAN... MAYBE I DIDN'T QUITE REALIZE...
...WELL, ABOUT THAT SUBJECT...
WHAT DO YOU HONESTLY THINK?
WHAT DO I...

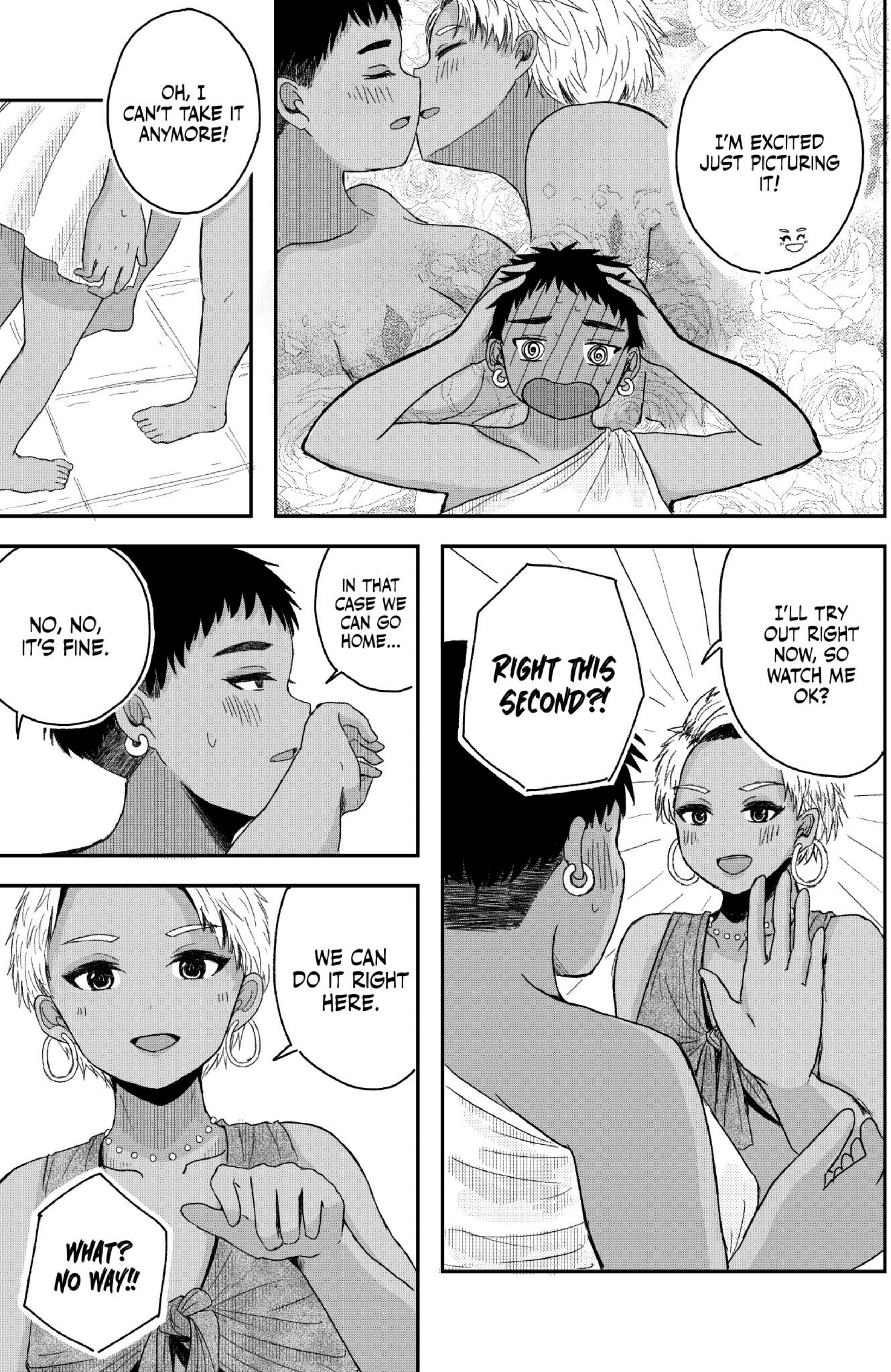

I WANTED US TO TAKE THINGS AT A NORMAL PACE...
BUT IF IT'S REALLY BUGGING YOU, I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.
FOR REAL? THANK YOU!!
I'M GOING TO KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF!!
W-WELL... WE CAN TAKE IT EASY...
I'M SO FIRED UP, IT TAKES ME BACK TO THE FIRST TIME I DID IT FOR REAL.
HUH?

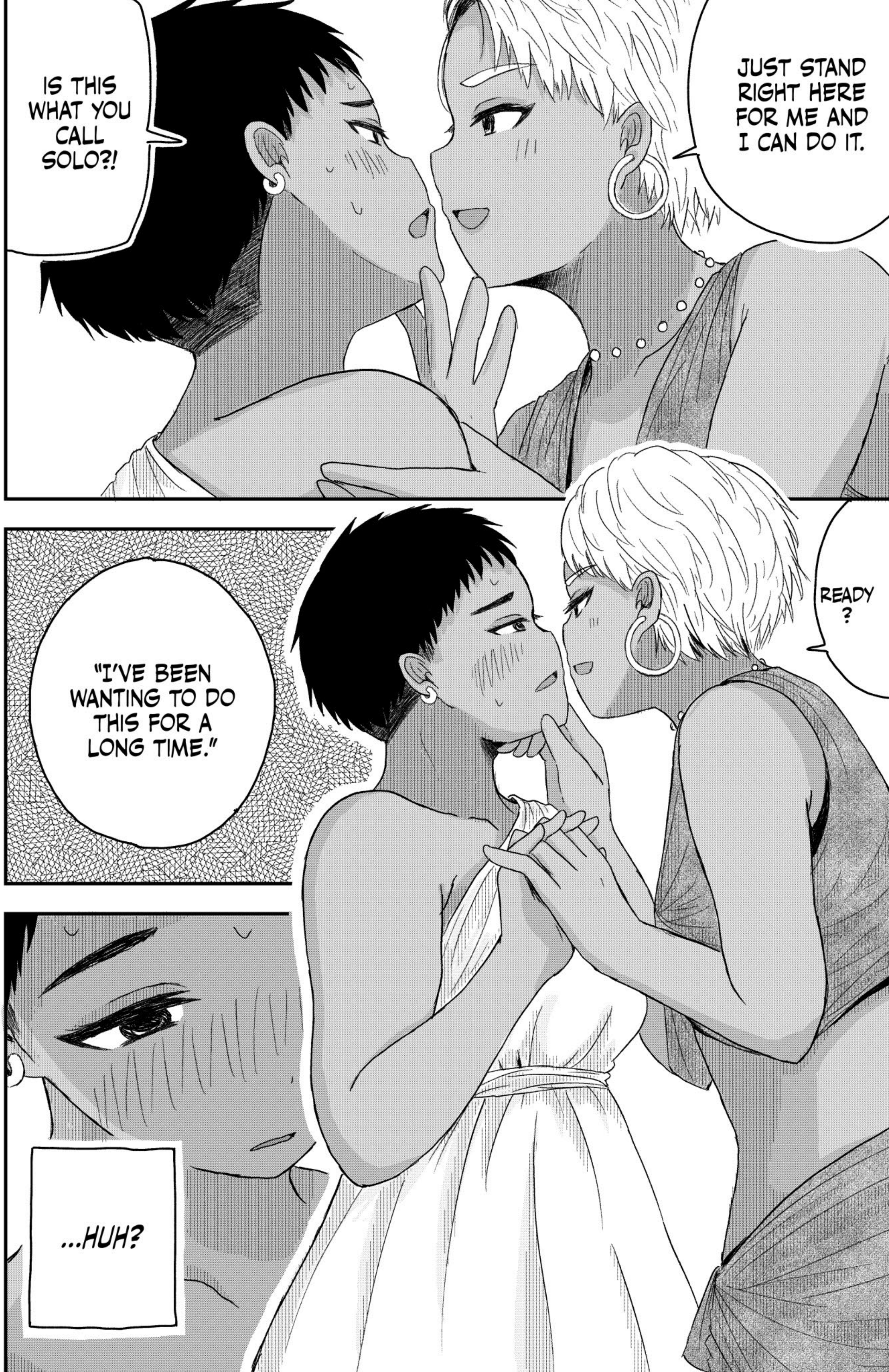

THOUGH I REALLY BLEW IT THAT TIME, Y'KNOW?
I... I SEE...
I GUESS I GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT...
I GOT SO OVER-EXCITED,
I REALLY BLEW THEM (HER LINES).
AFTER I WAS DONE, MY LEGS WERE LIKE JELLY, I COULDN'T STAND!
MY CONDOLENCES TO THEM...
H-HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THAT?
WELL... THAT WAS BEFORE I WAS READY TO PRESENT TO OTHERS.
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO ANYWAY!
...HOW OLD WERE YOU?

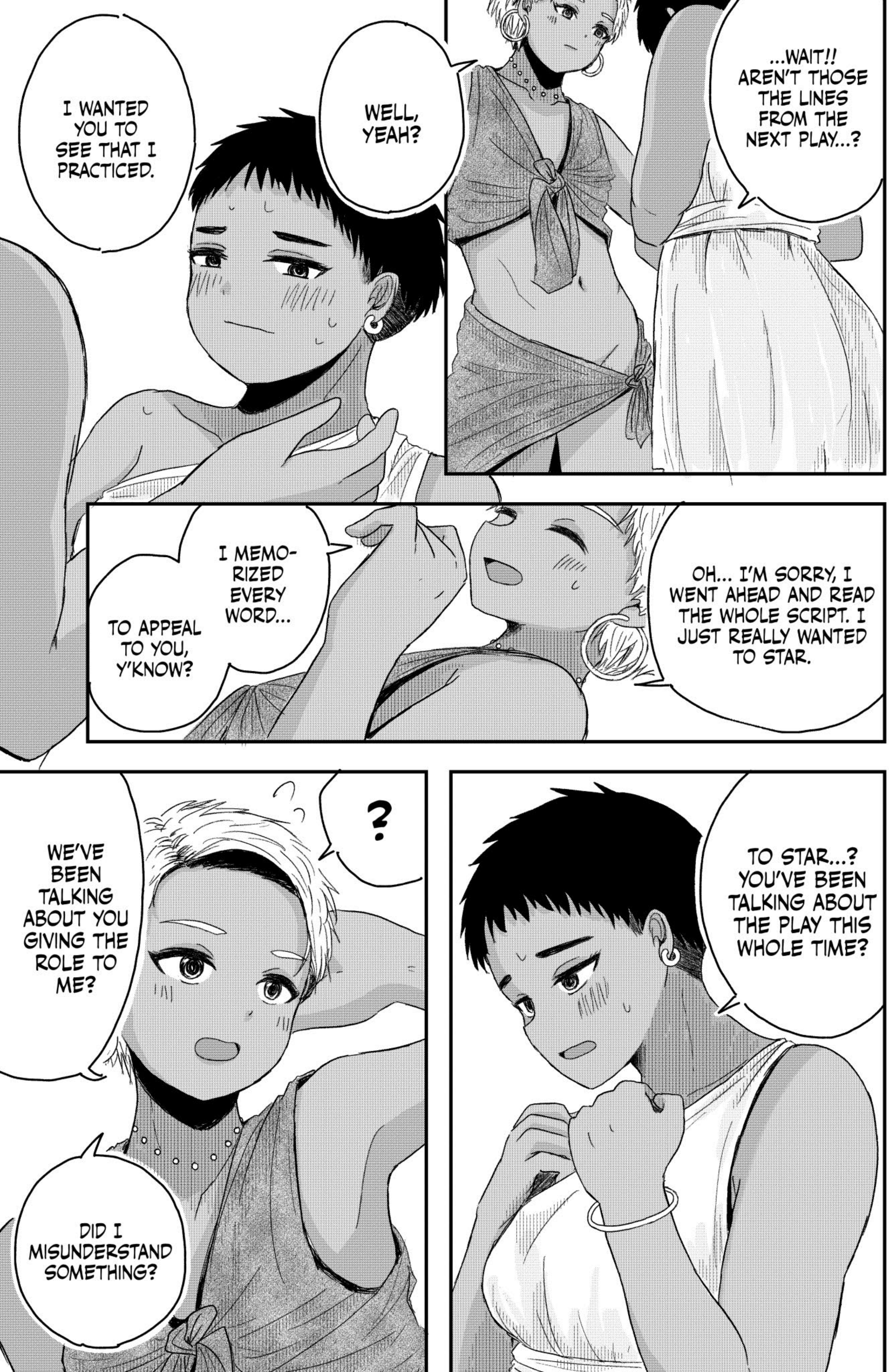

HMM, LET ME THINK...
I WAS DEFINITELY A KID, SO...
ISN'T THAT... EARLY?
I WAS INTO IT AS EARLY AS I COULD UNDERSTAND IT...
WEREN'T YOU TOO YOUNG?!
WELL, I SAW MY SISTER DO IT FIRST, RIGHT?
IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY, I GUESS.
WHAT KIND OF UPBRINGING WAS THIS...
AT THAT TIME, I THINK
SHE MIGHT'VE SEEN ME.
SHE SAW YOU?!
SHE GOT MAD, AND SAID,
"TOO MUCH TONGUE."
WOW, SHE GOT A REAL GOOD LOOK!

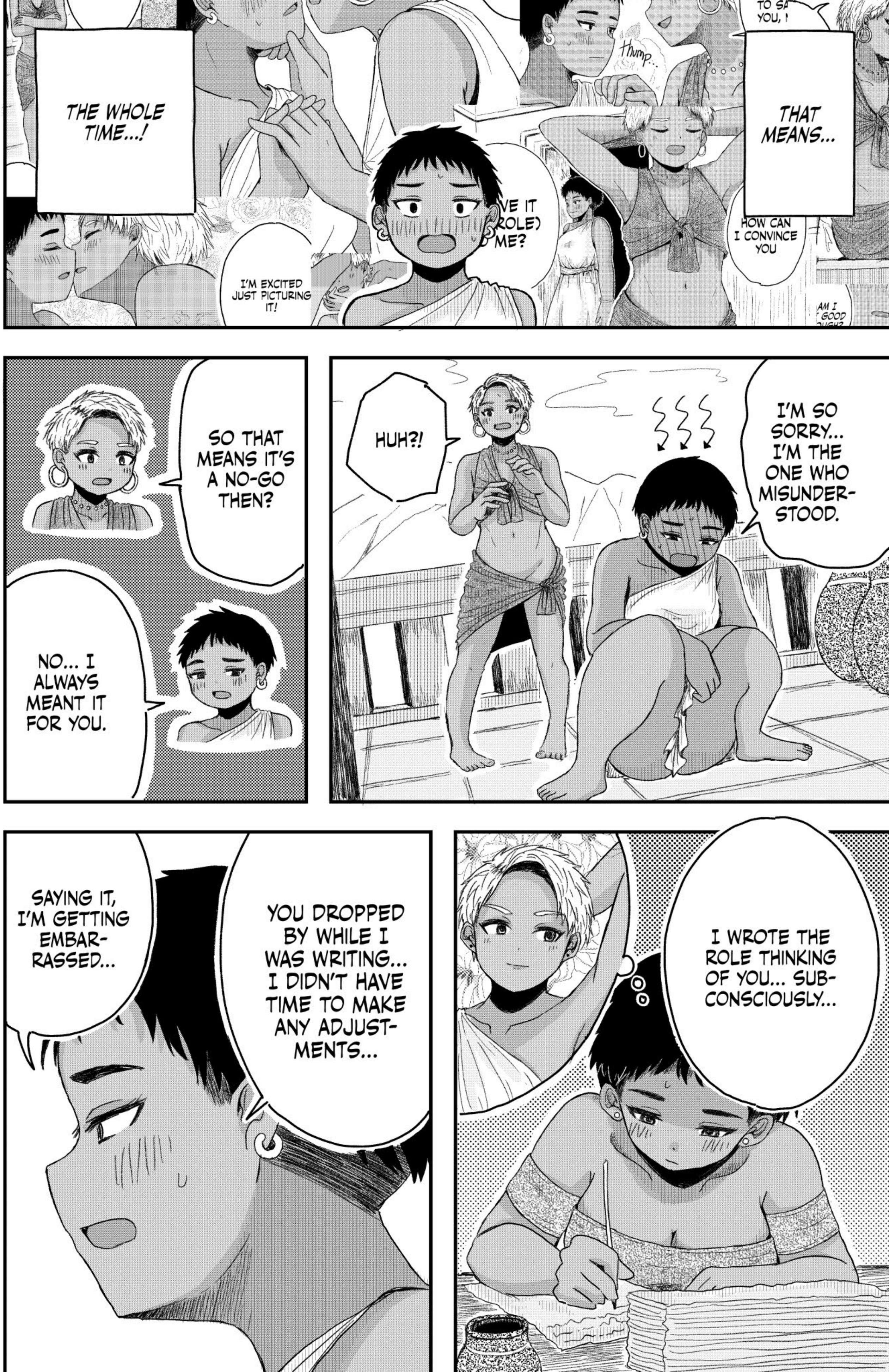

SO SHE LIKES TO USE HER TONGUE...
thump thump
SO I THOUGHT, I'M NO GOOD AT ALL!
AFTER SOME REFLECTION, I WORKED REALLY HARD.
I TRAINED MY BODY TO BUILD ENDURANCE.
TO USE HER TONGUE...
FOR A LONG TIME...?
I TRAINED MY THROAT TO IMPROVE MY VOCALIZATIONS.
SHE WANTS ME TO MAKE HER SCREAM?!
I WENT THROUGH THE REAL MOTIONS SOLO EVERY NIGHT.
SOLO?!

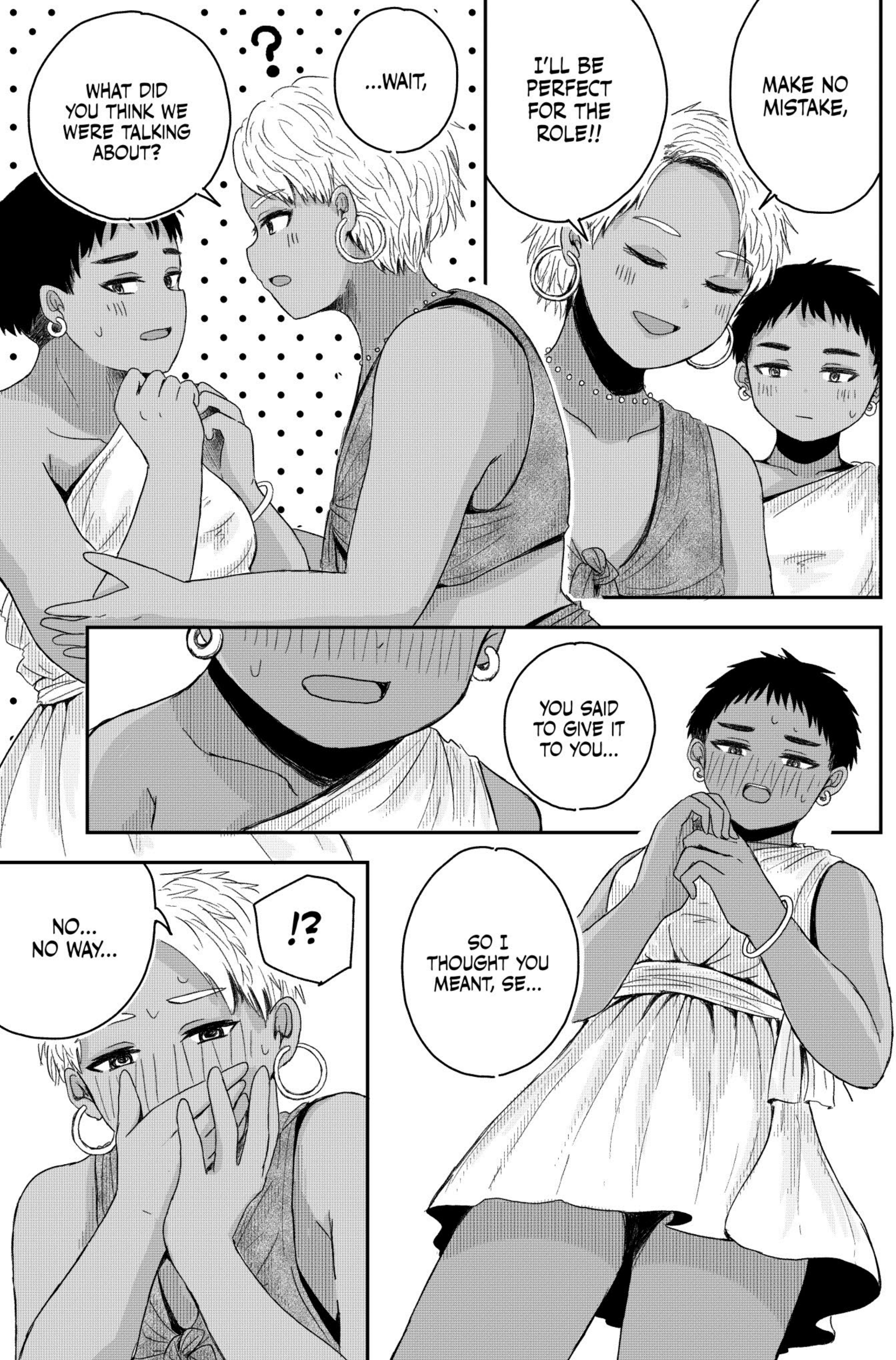

EVERY NIGHT, ON HER OWN...?!
THAT'S HOW I'VE BEEN PREPARING ALL THIS TIME.
I WASN'T BLESSED WITH ANY OPPORTUNITIES...
SO I'VE BEEN WAITING IN AGONY.
BUT THIS TIME I'M SURE THAT I'LL DO WELL IN THIS LEAD ROLE...
WELL, ANYWAY,
I'M CONFIDENT I'LL BE ABLE TO SATISFY YOU, NAQIA.
thump...
WOW... I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE REAL DEAL!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

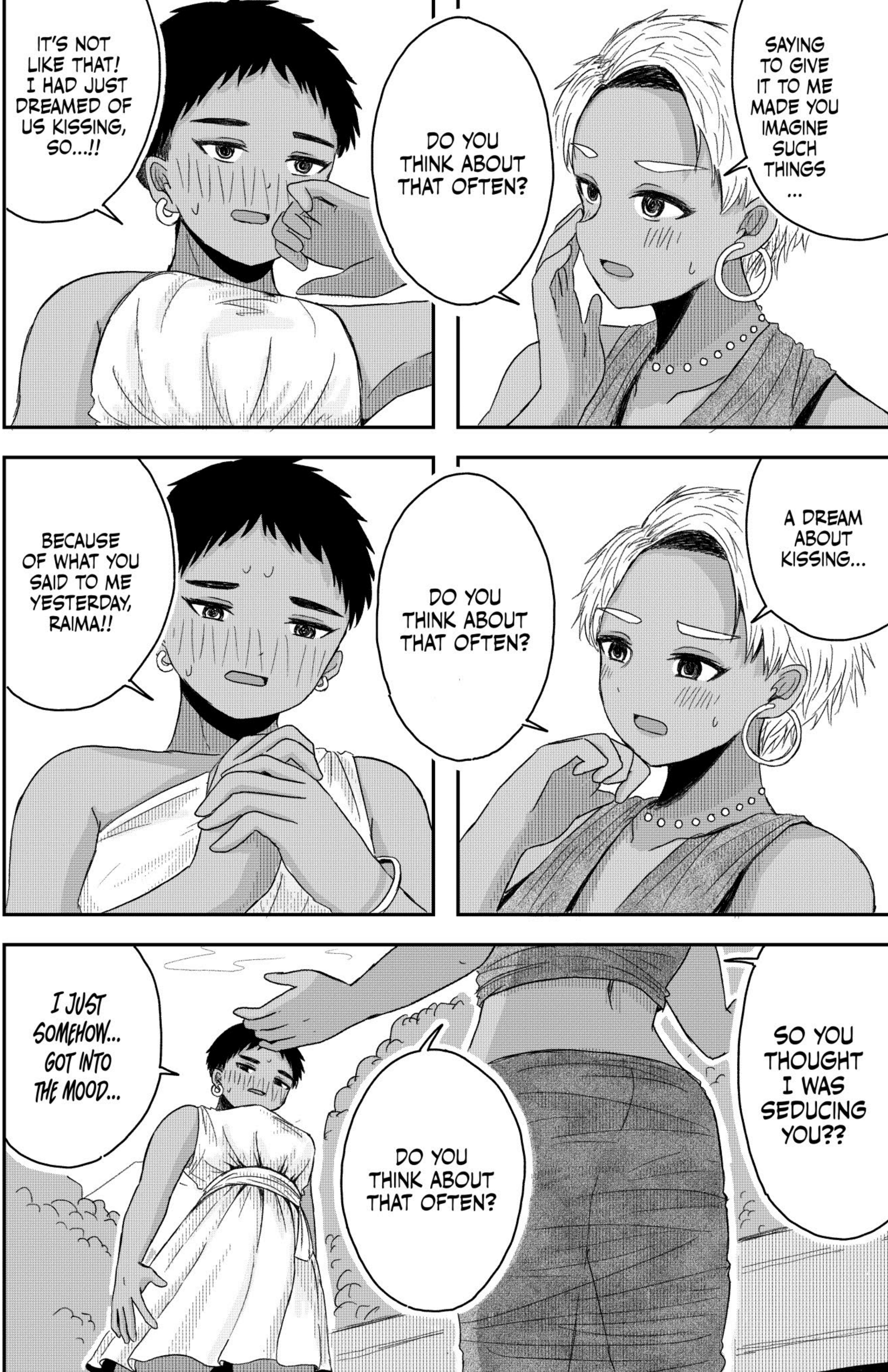

I'M EXCITED JUST PICTURING IT!
OH, I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
I'LL TRY OUT RIGHT NOW, SO WATCH ME OK?
RIGHT THIS SECOND?!
IN THAT CASE WE CAN GO HOME...
NO, NO, IT'S FINE.
WE CAN DO IT RIGHT HERE.
WHAT? NO WAY!!

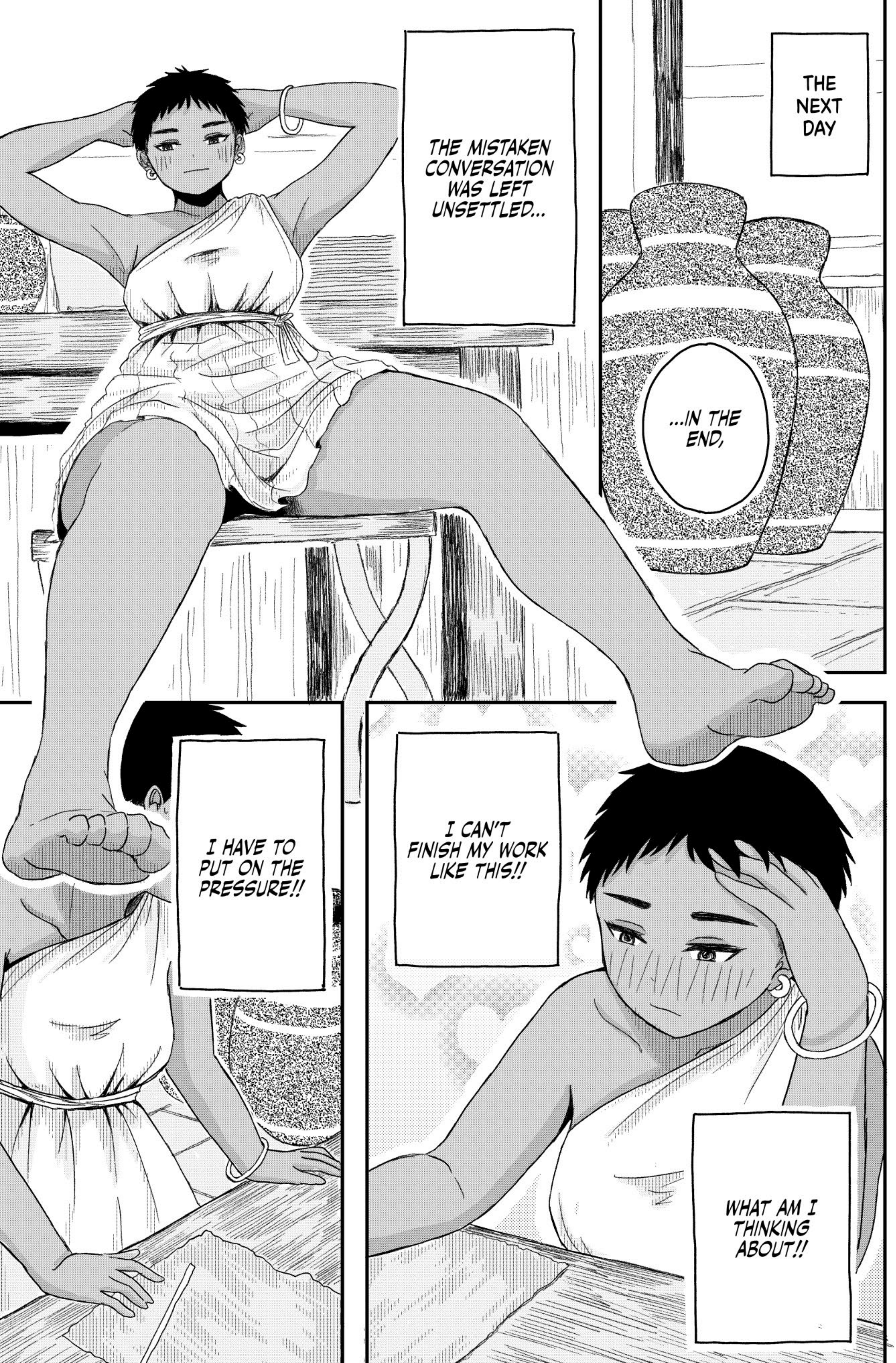

JUST STAND RIGHT HERE FOR ME AND I CAN DO IT.
IS THIS WHAT YOU CALL SOLO?!
READY?
"I'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO THIS FOR A LONG TIME."
...HUH?

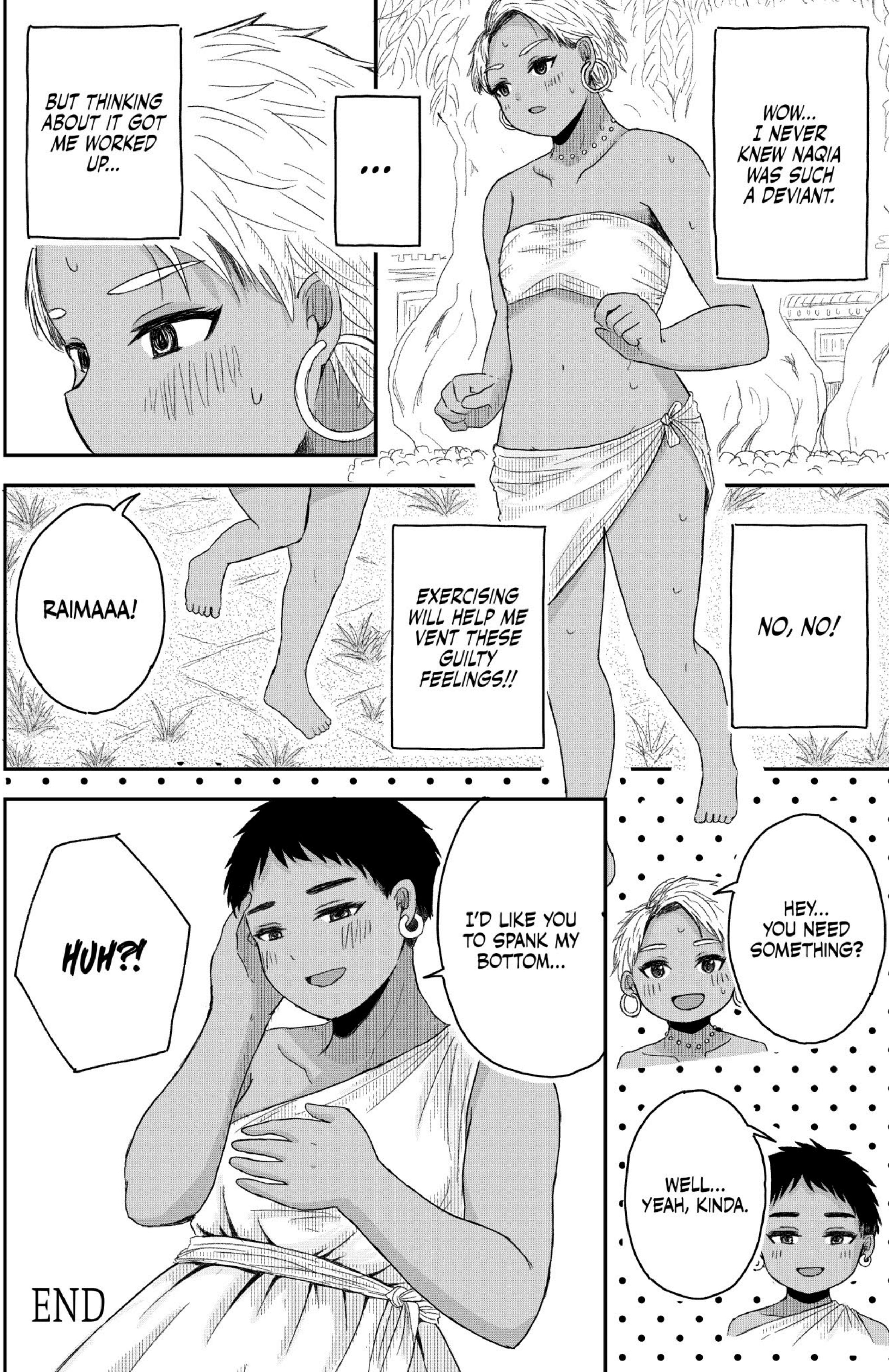

...WAIT!! AREN'T THOSE THE LINES FROM THE NEXT PLAY...?
WELL, YEAH?
I WANTED YOU TO SEE THAT I PRACTICED.
OH... I'M SORRY, I WENT AHEAD AND READ THE WHOLE SCRIPT. I JUST REALLY WANTED TO STAR.
I MEMORIZED EVERY WORD...
TO APPEAL TO YOU, Y'KNOW?
TO STAR...? YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE PLAY THIS WHOLE TIME?
?
WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT YOU GIVING THE ROLE TO ME?
DID I MISUNDERSTAND SOMETHING?


TO SA YOU,
THAT MEANS...
HOW CAN I CONVINCE YOU
AM I GOOD
thump...
VE IT ROLE) ME?
I'M EXCITED JUST PICTURING IT!
THE WHOLE TIME...!
I'M SO SORRY... I'M THE ONE WHO MISUNDERSTOOD.
HUH?!
SO THAT MEANS IT'S A NO-GO THEN?
NO... I ALWAYS MEANT IT FOR YOU.
I WROTE THE ROLE THINKING OF YOU... SUBCONSCIOUSLY...
YOU DROPPED BY WHILE I WAS WRITING... I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS...
SAYING IT, I'M GETTING EMBARRASSED...


MAKE NO MISTAKE,
I'LL BE PERFECT FOR THE ROLE!!
...WAIT,
?
WHAT DID YOU THINK WE WERE TALKING ABOUT?
YOU SAID TO GIVE IT TO YOU...
SO I THOUGHT YOU MEANT, SE...
!?
NO... NO WAY...

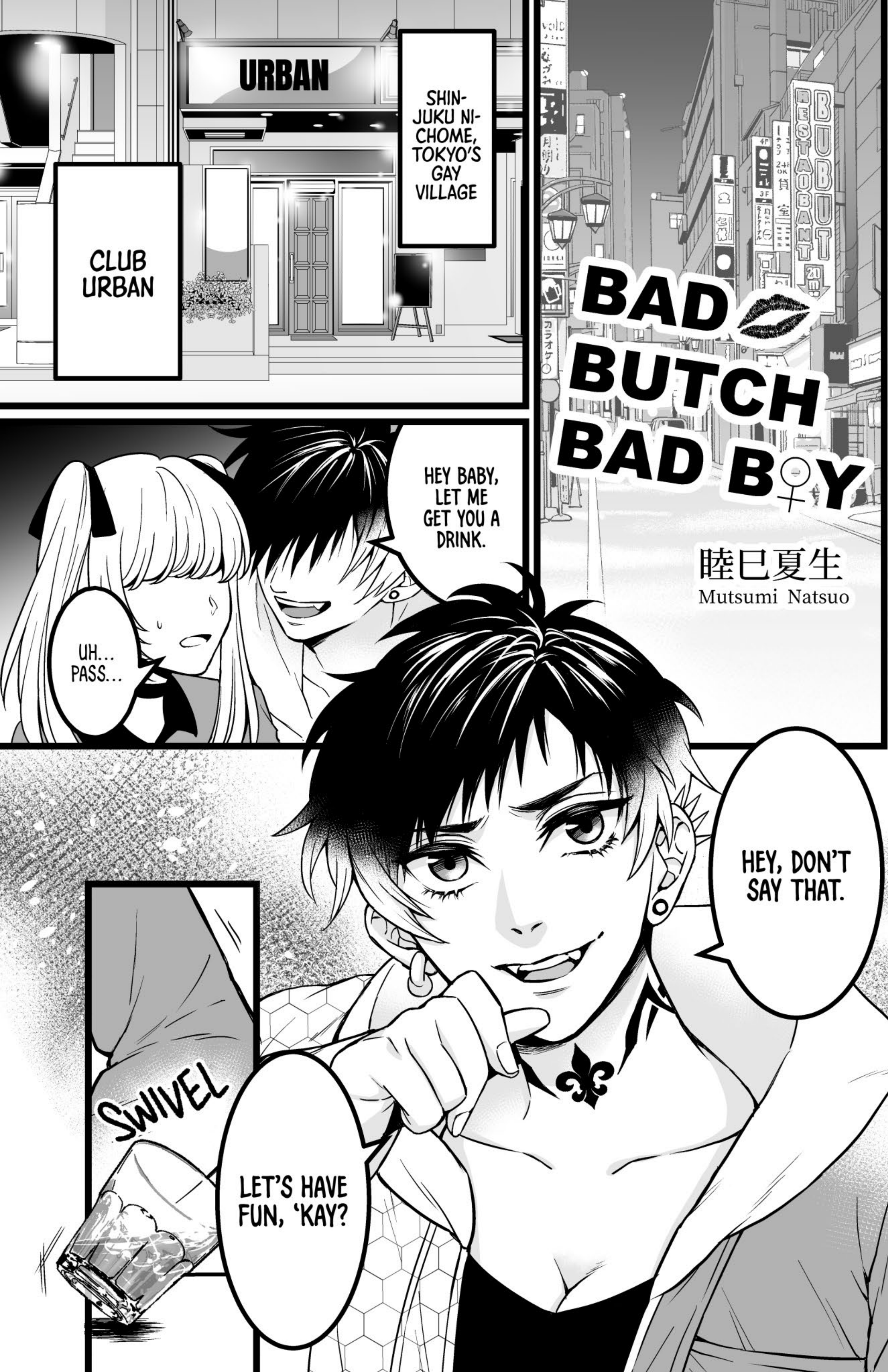

SAYING TO GIVE IT TO ME MADE YOU IMAGINE SUCH THINGS ...
DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT OFTEN?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! I HAD JUST DREAMED OF US KISSING, SO...!!
A DREAM ABOUT KISSING...
DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT OFTEN?
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID TO ME YESTERDAY, RAIMA!!
SO YOU THOUGHT I WAS SEDUCING YOU??
DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT OFTEN?
I JUST SOMEHOW... GOT INTO THE MOOD...

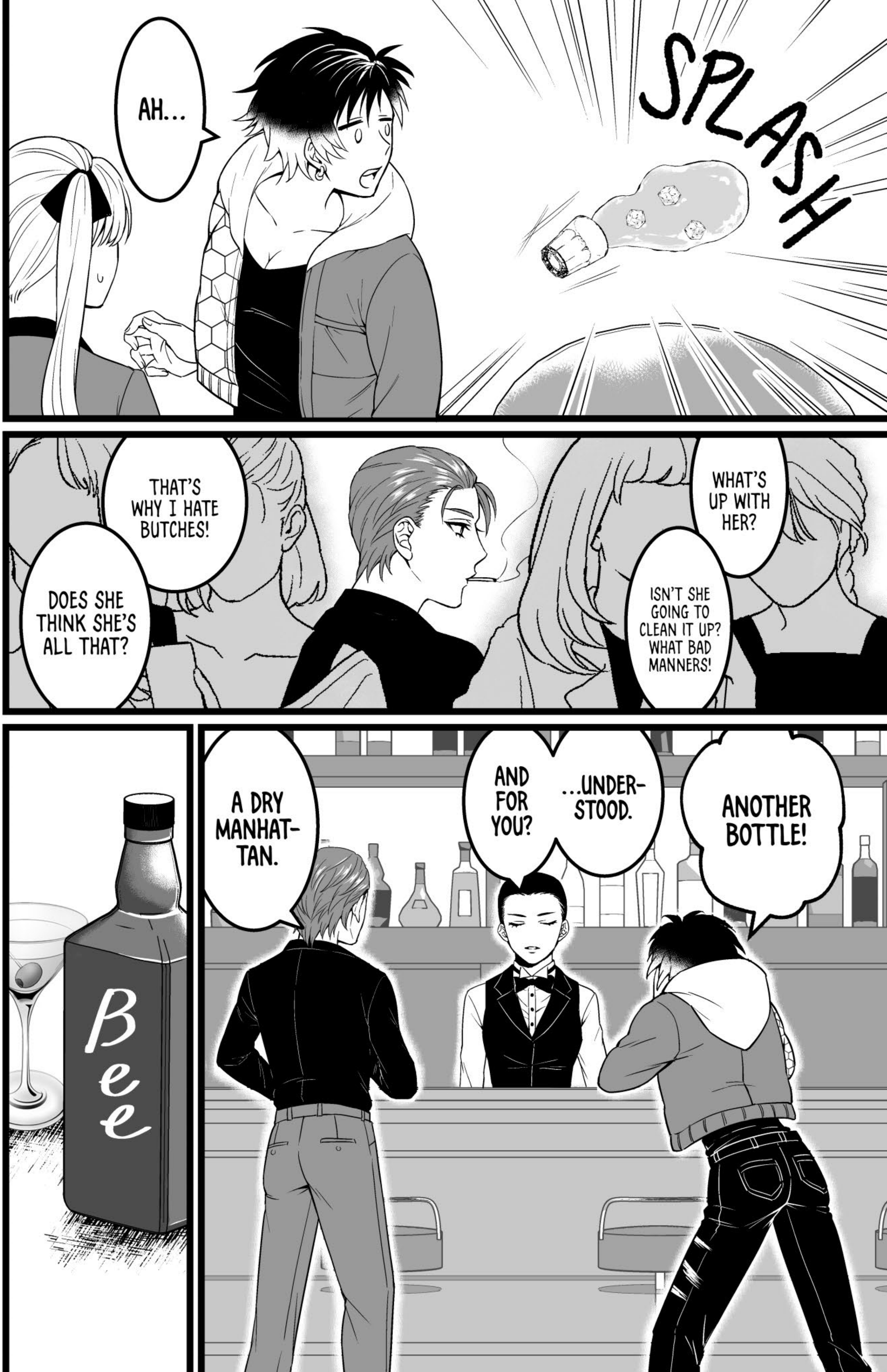

THE NEXT DAY
...IN THE END,
THE MISTAKEN CONVERSATION WAS LEFT UNSETTLED...
I CAN'T FINISH MY WORK LIKE THIS!!
WHAT AM I THINKING ABOUT!!
I HAVE TO PUT ON THE PRESSURE!!

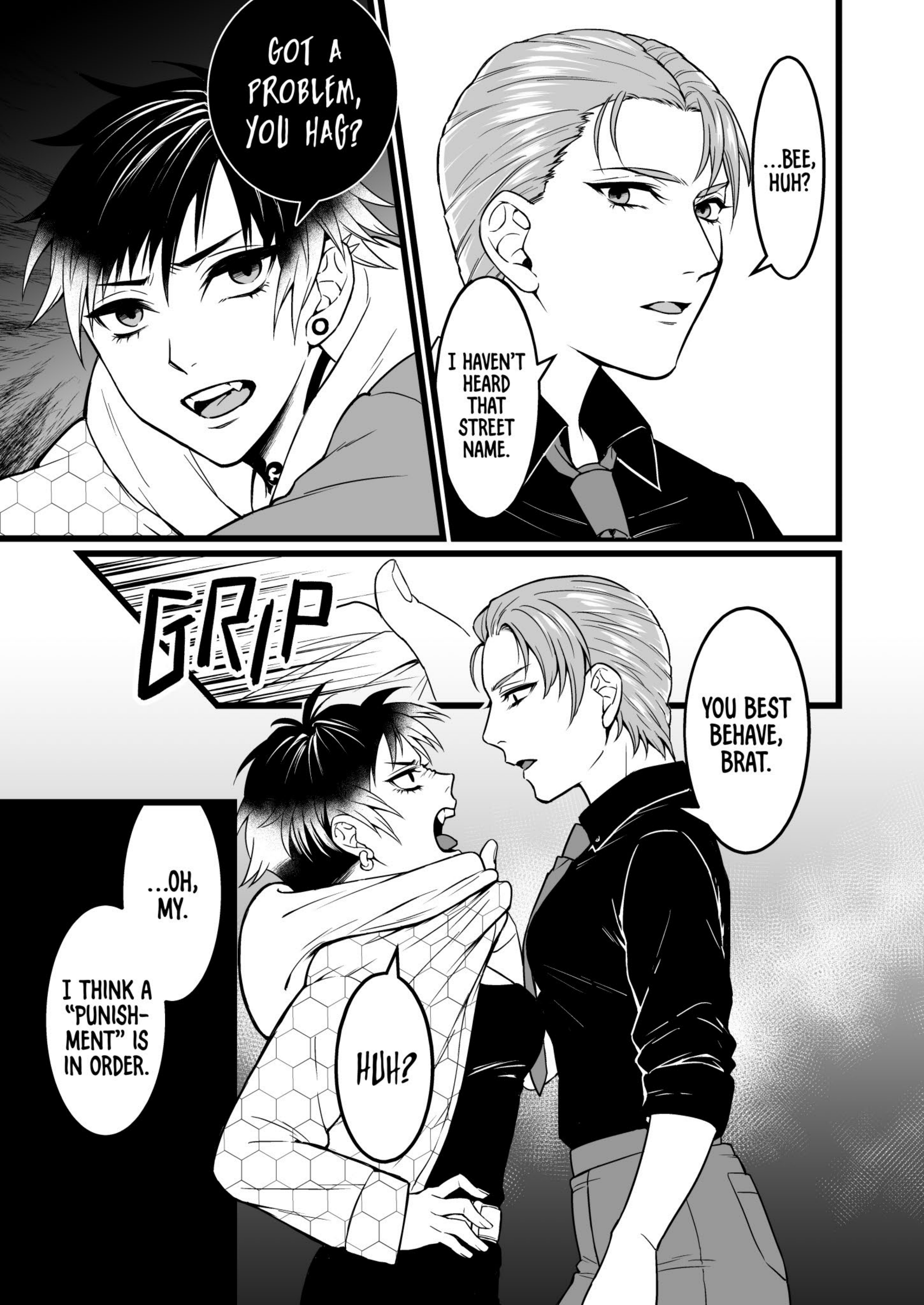

WOW... I NEVER KNEW NAQIA WAS SUCH A DEVIANT.
...
BUT THINKING ABOUT IT GOT ME WORKED UP...
NO, NO!
EXERCISING WILL HELP ME VENT THESE GUILTY FEELINGS!!
RAIMAAA!
HEY... YOU NEED SOMETHING?
WELL... YEAH, KINDA.
I'D LIKE YOU TO SPANK MY BOTTOM...
HUH?!
END

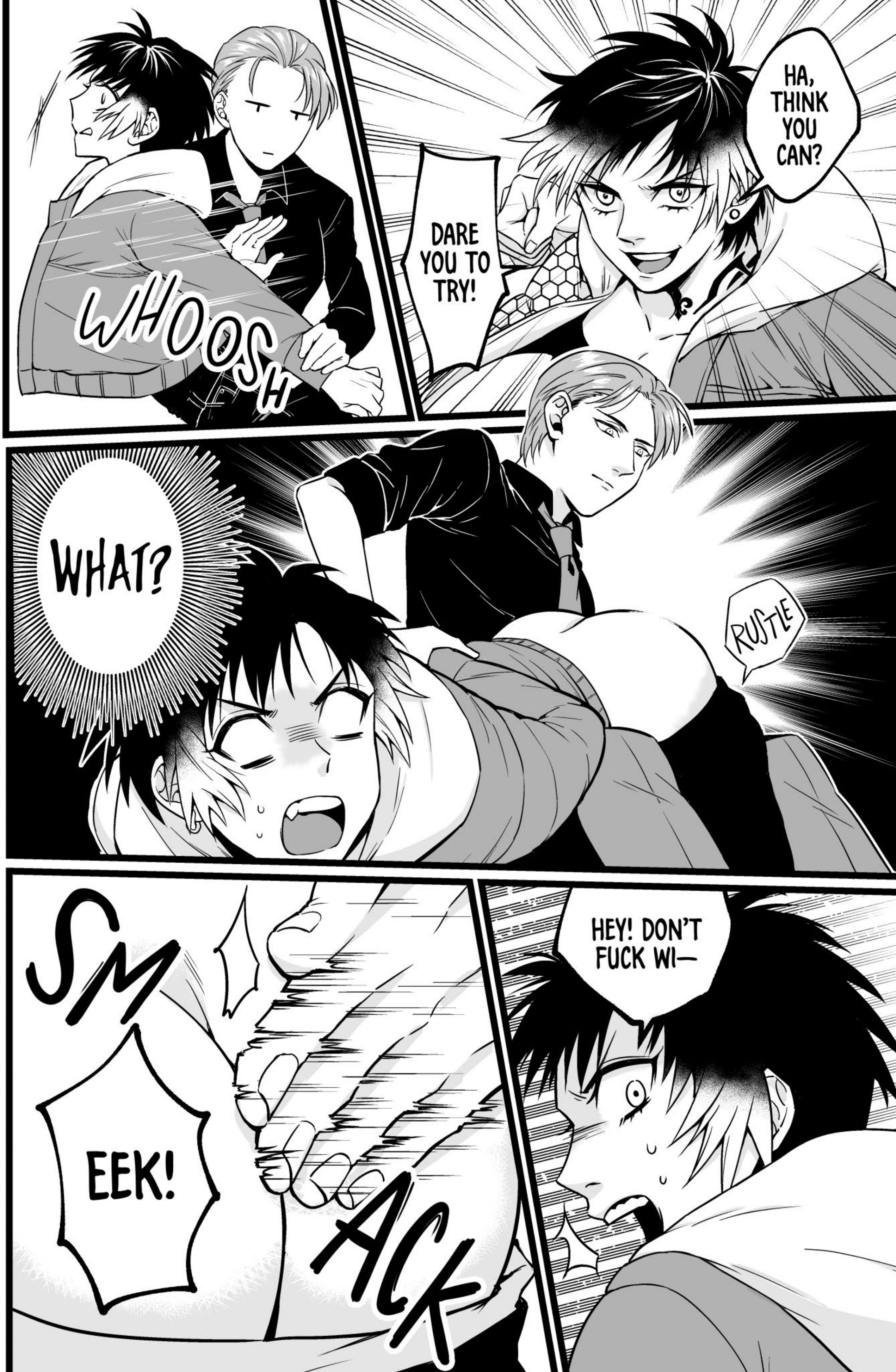
BAD BUTCH BAD BOY

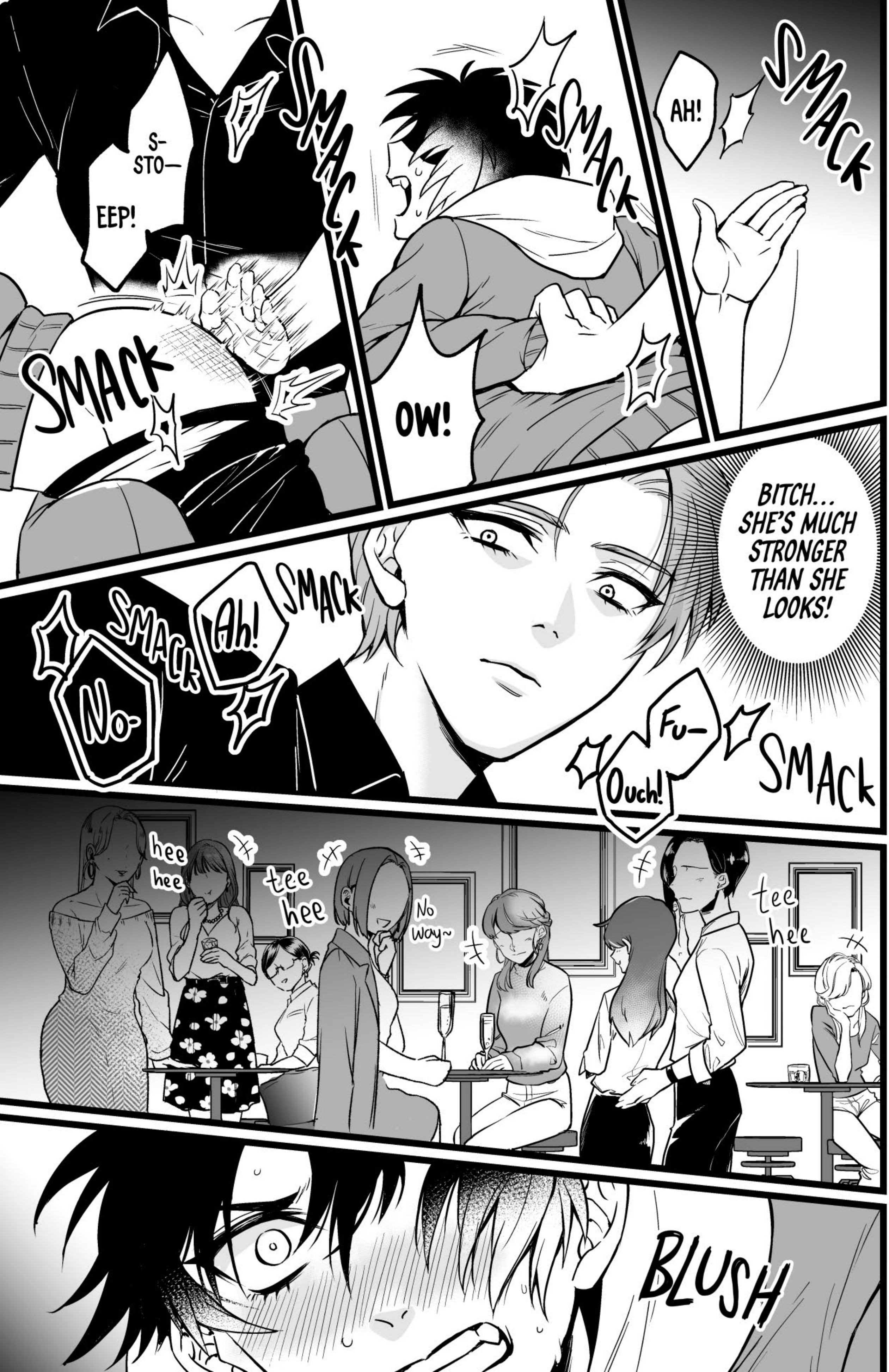
睦巳夏生
Mutsumi Natsuo

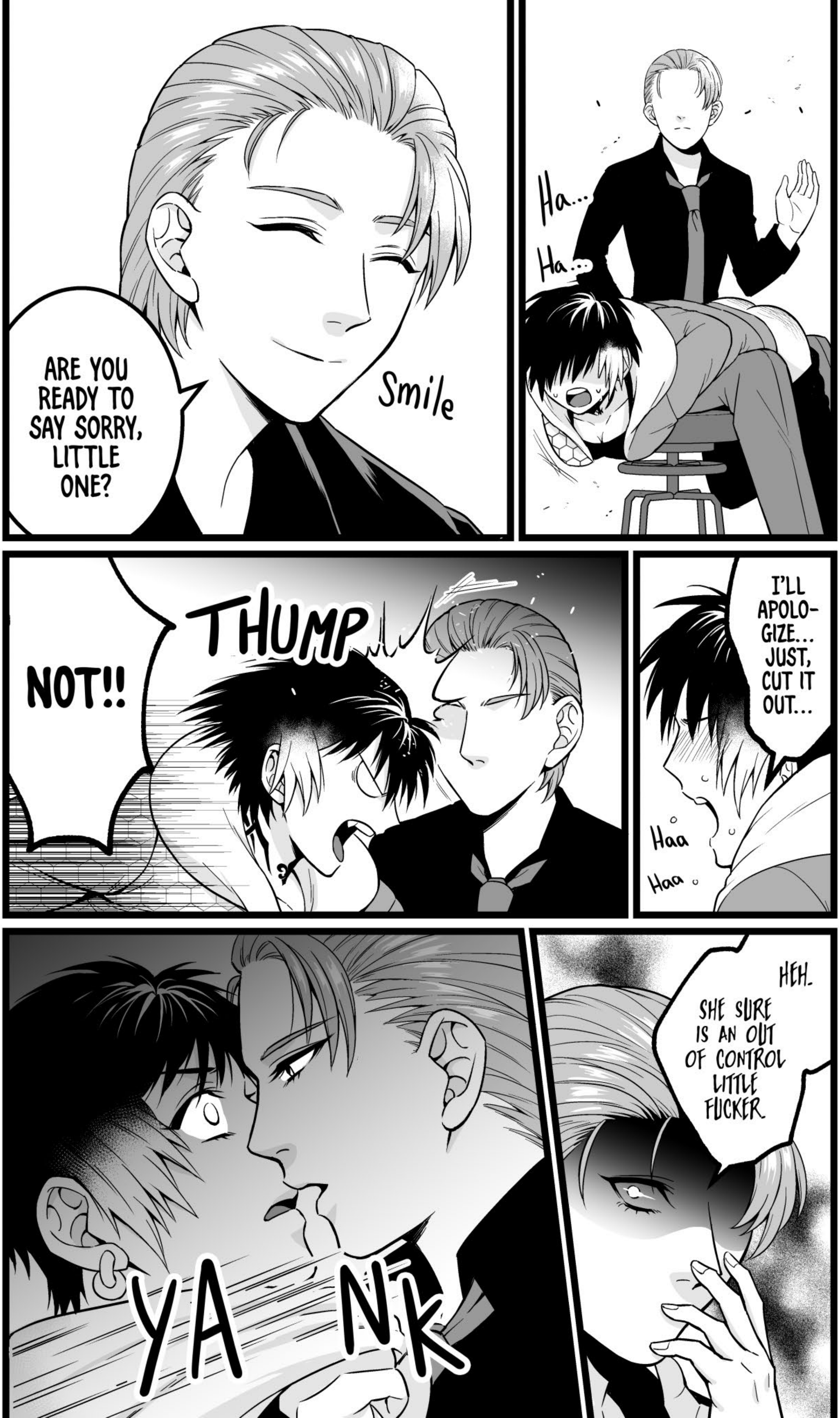

SHIN-JUKU NI-CHOME, TOKYO'S GAY VILLAGE
URBAN
CLUB URBAN
HEY BABY, LET ME GET YOU A DRINK.
UH... PASS...
HEY, DON'T SAY THAT.
LET'S HAVE FUN, 'KAY?
SWIVEL

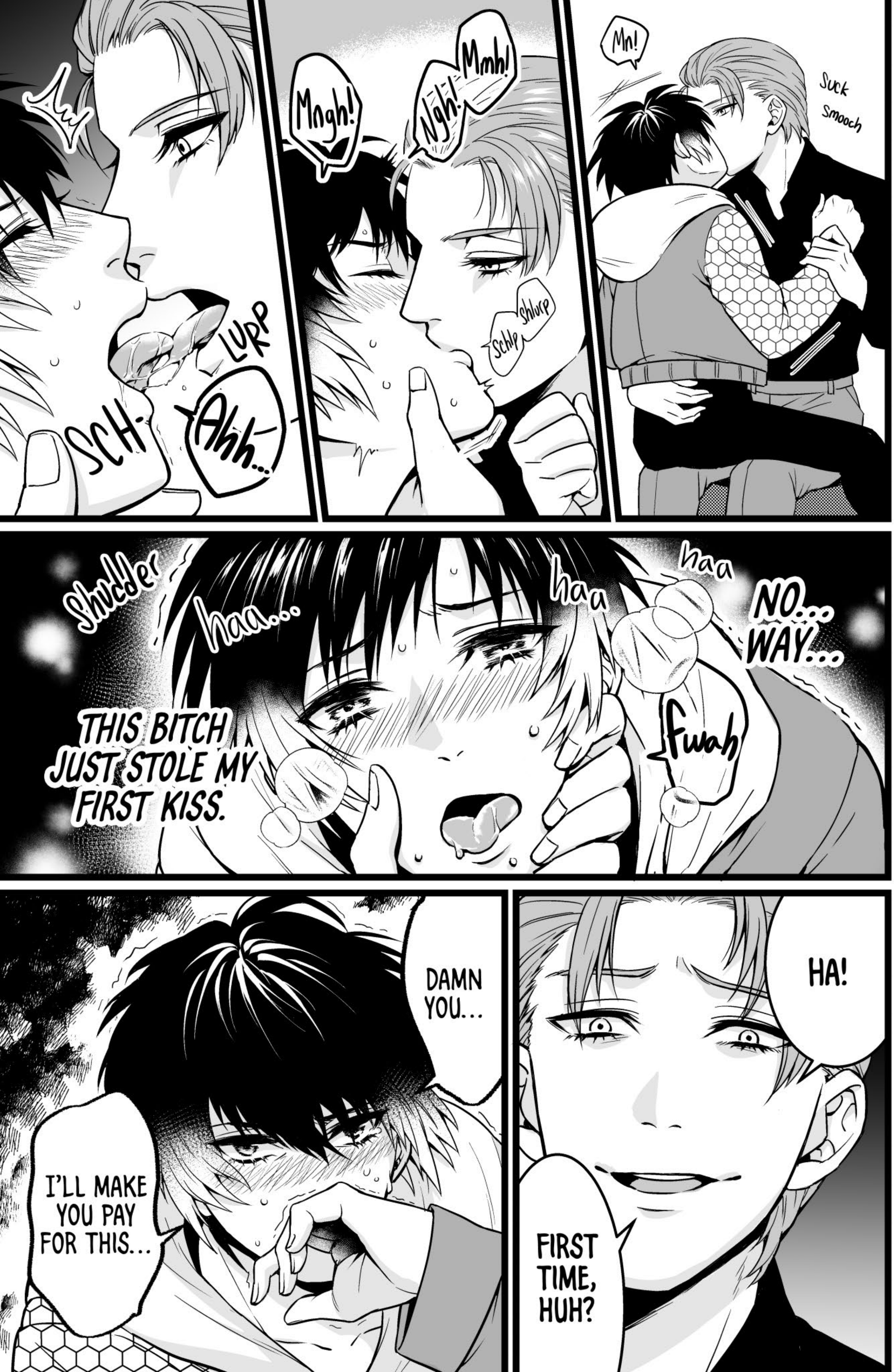

SPLASH
AH...
WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
ISN'T SHE GOING TO CLEAN IT UP? WHAT BAD MANNERS!
THAT'S WHY I HATE BUTCHES!
DOES SHE THINK SHE'S ALL THAT?
ANOTHER BOTTLE!
...UNDERSTOOD.
AND FOR YOU?
A DRY MANHATTAN.
Bee

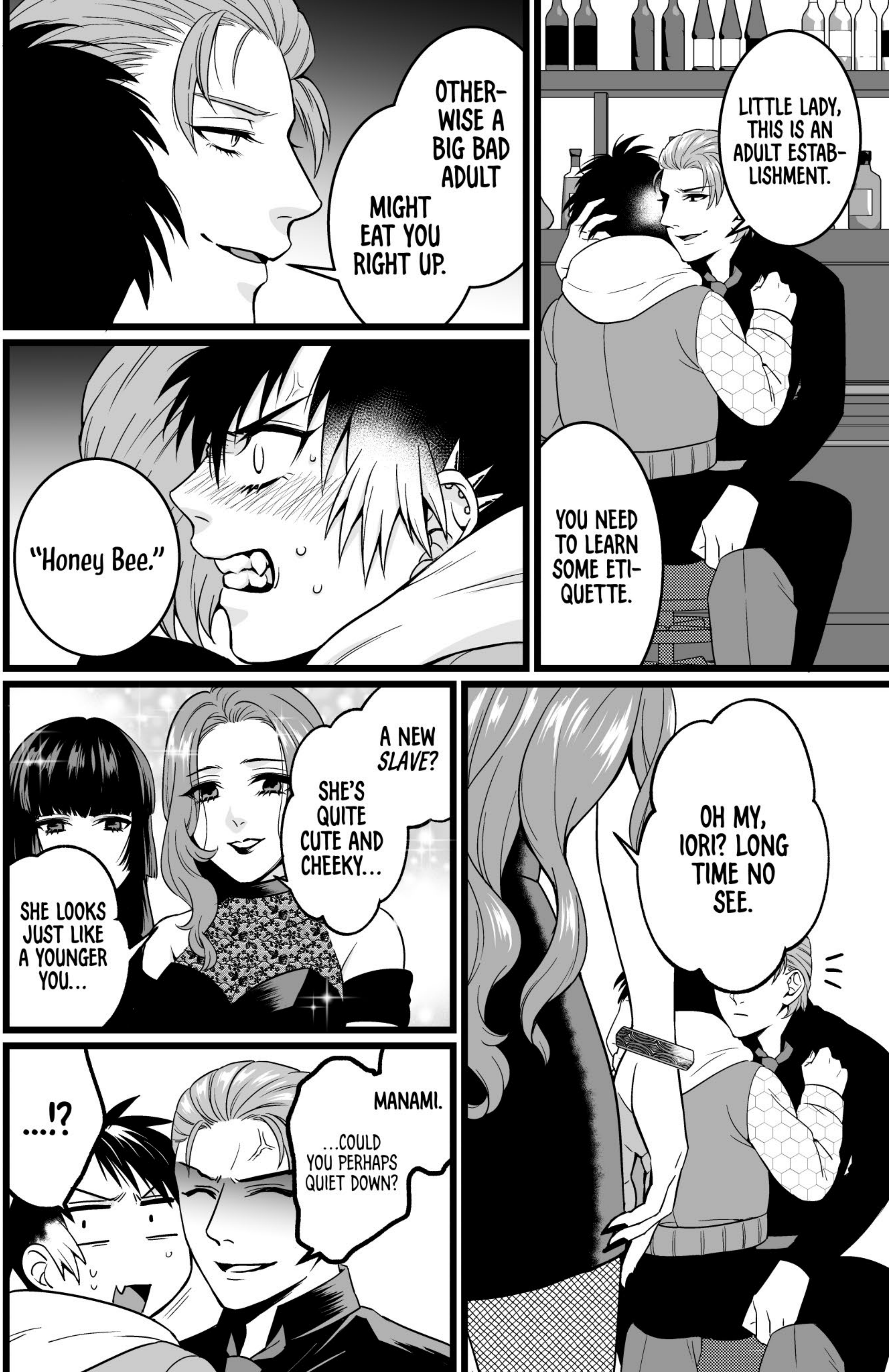

...BEE, HUH?
I HAVEN'T HEARD THAT STREET NAME.
GOT A PROBLEM, YOU HAG?
GRIP
YOU BEST BEHAVE, BRAT.
HUH?
...OH, MY.
I THINK A "PUNISHMENT" IS IN ORDER.

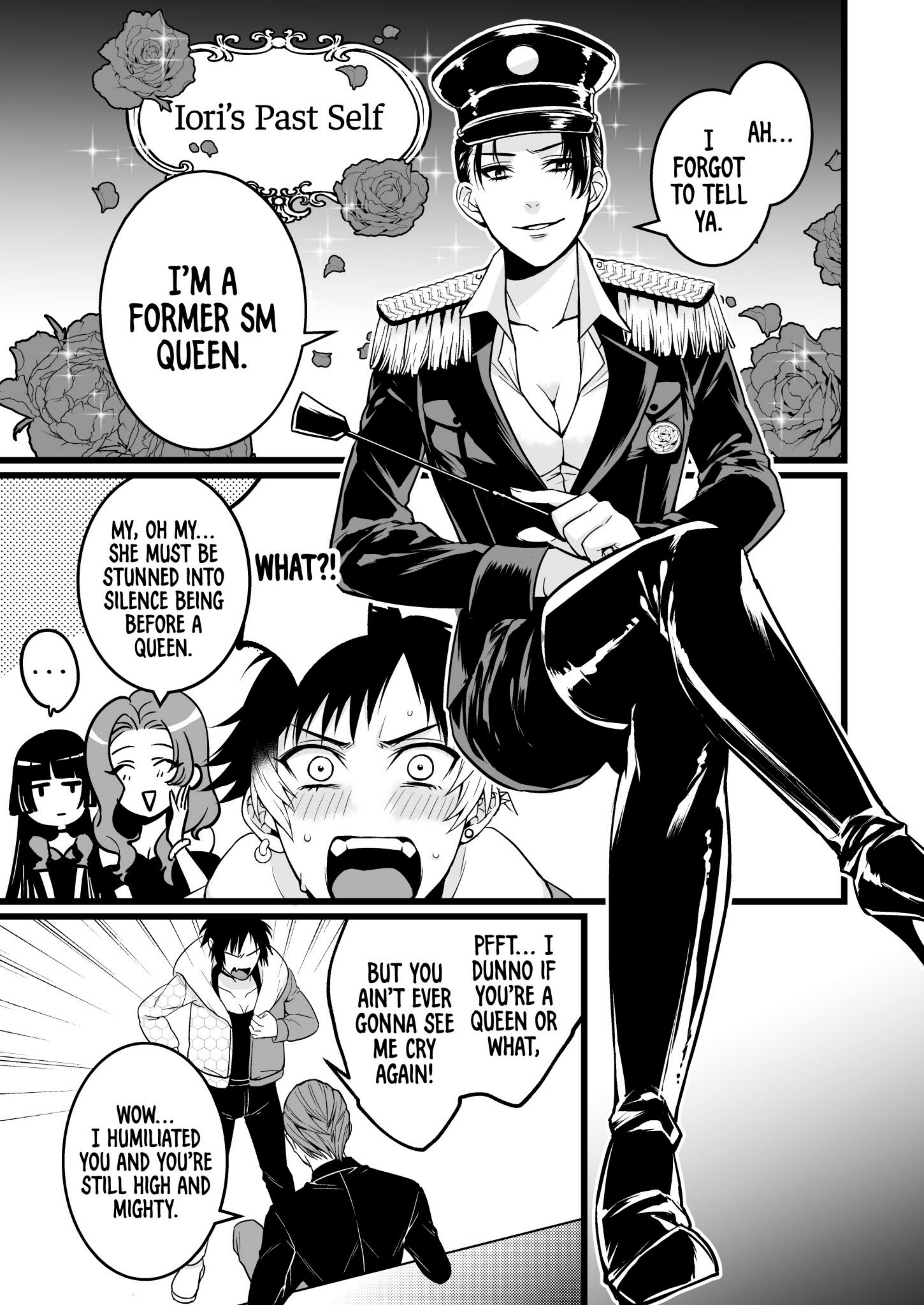

HA, THINK YOU CAN?
DARE YOU TO TRY!
WHOOSH
WHAT?
RUSTLE
HEY! DON'T FUCK WI—
SMACK
EEK!

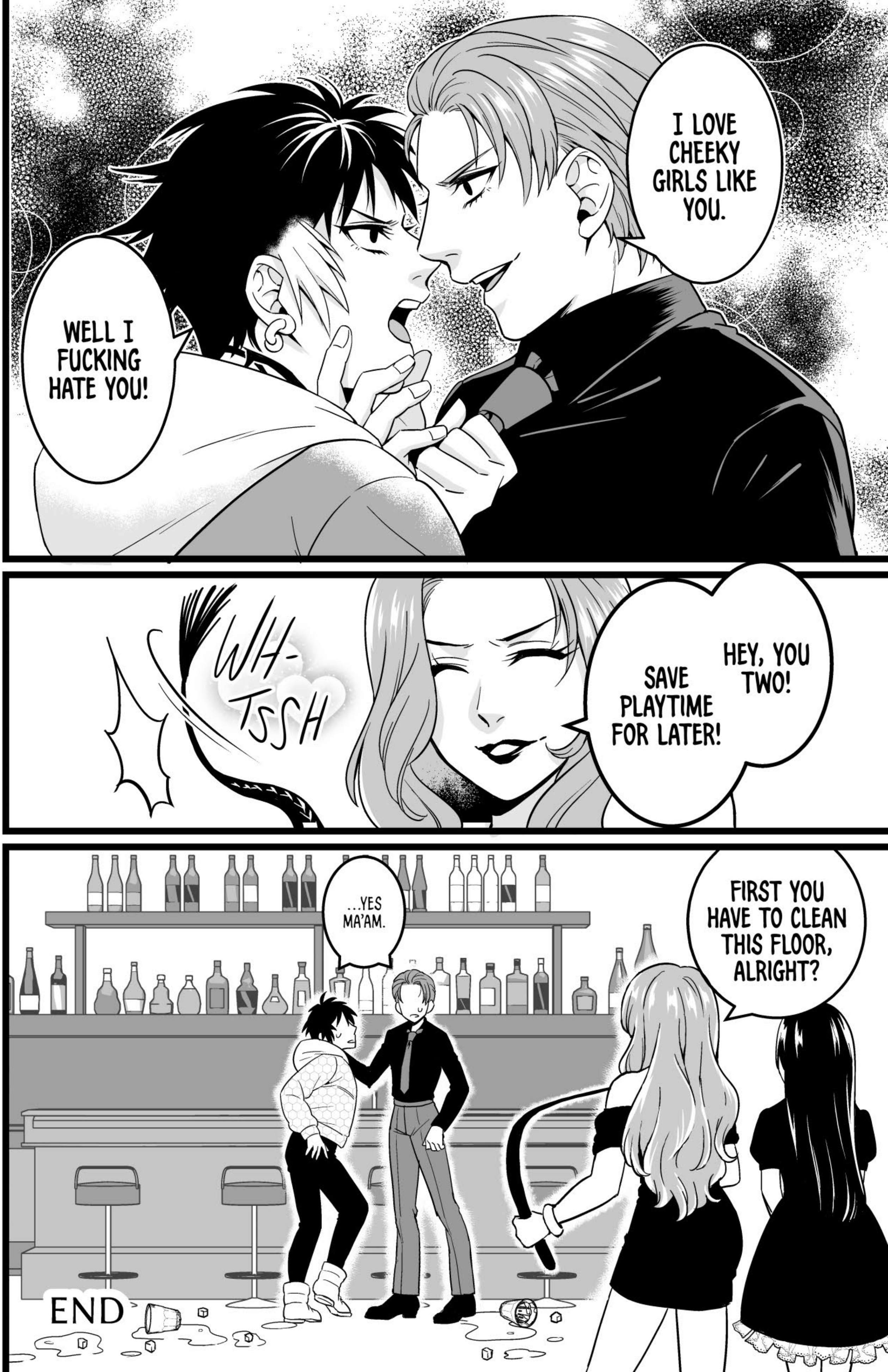

SMACK
AH!
SMACK
OW!
S- STO—
EEP!
SMACK
SMACK
BITCH... SHE'S MUCH STRONGER THAN SHE LOOKS!
SMACK
Fu—
Ouch!
SMACK
Ah!
SMACK
No-
tee hee
No way~
tee hee
hee hee
BLUSH


Ha...
Ha...
ARE YOU READY TO SAY SORRY, LITTLE ONE?
Smile
I'LL APOLOGIZE... JUST, CUT IT OUT...
Haa
Haa
NOT!!
THUMP
HEH.
SHE SURE IS AN OUT OF CONTROL LITTLE FUCKER.
YANK


Mn!
Suck
Smooch
Mmh!
Ngh!
Mngh!
shlurp
Schlp
LURP
SCH-
Ahh...
NO... WAY...
haa
haa
fwah
haa...
Shudder
THIS BITCH JUST STOLE MY FIRST KISS.
HA!
FIRST TIME, HUH?
DAMN YOU...
I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR THIS...

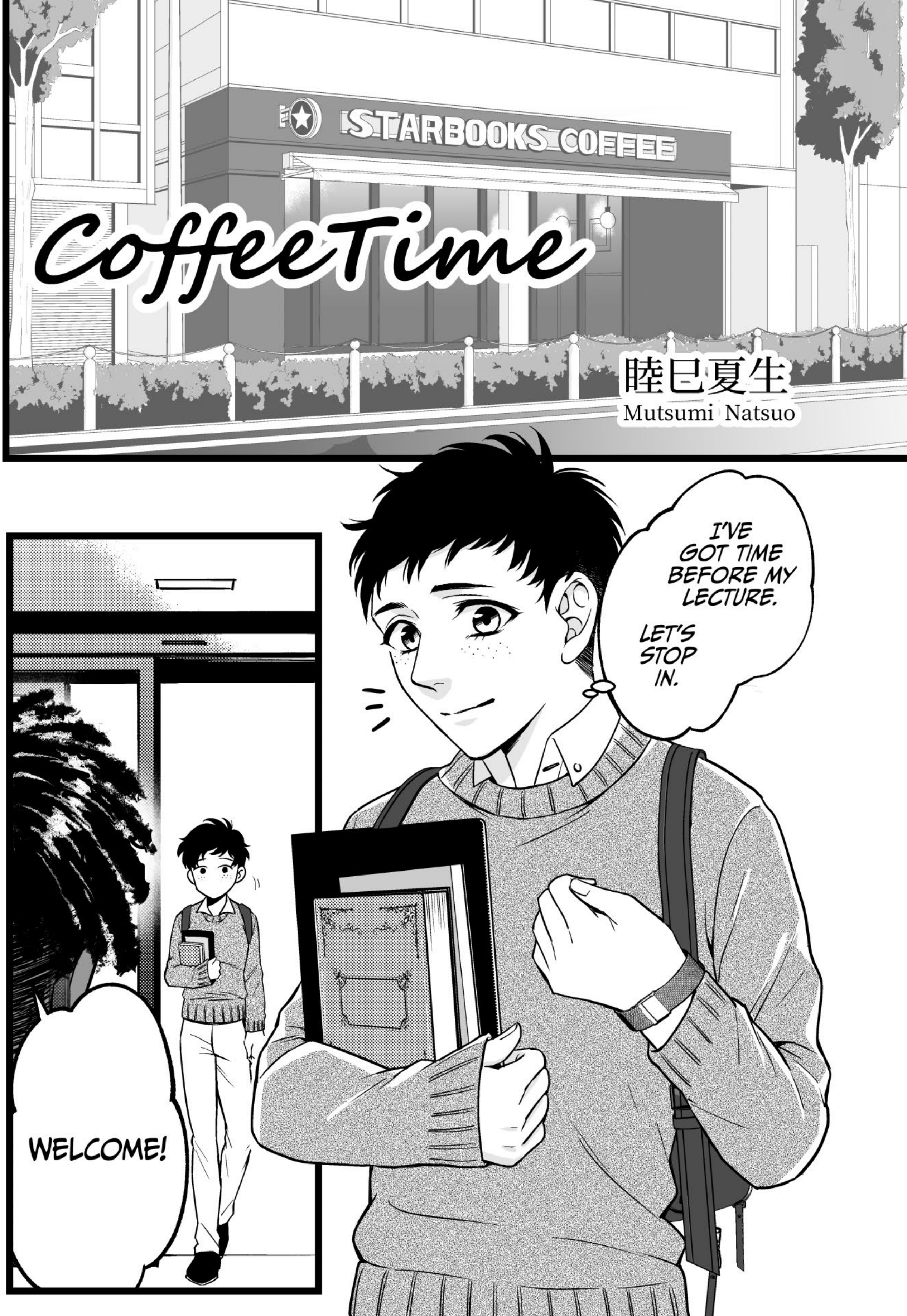

LITTLE LADY, THIS IS AN ADULT ESTABLISHMENT.
YOU NEED TO LEARN SOME ETIQUETTE.
OTHERWISE A BIG BAD ADULT MIGHT EAT YOU RIGHT UP.
"Honey Bee."
OH MY, IORI? LONG TIME NO SEE.
A NEW *SLAVE*? SHE'S QUITE CUTE AND CHEEKY...
SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE A YOUNGER YOU...
MANAMI. ...COULD YOU PERHAPS QUIET DOWN?
...!?

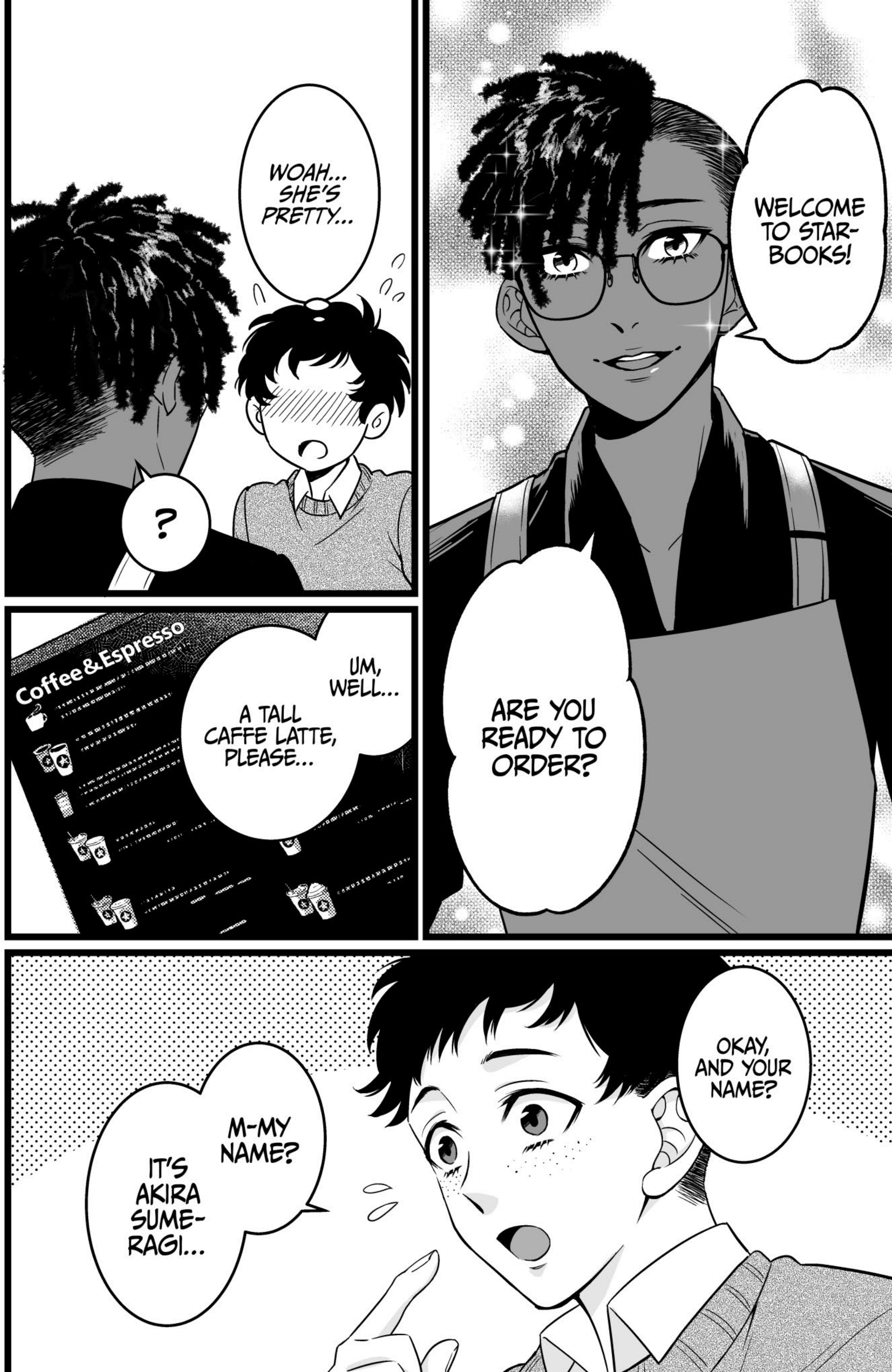

Iori's Past Self
AH... I FORGOT TO TELL YA.
I'M A FORMER SM QUEEN.
WHAT?!
MY, OH MY... SHE MUST BE STUNNED INTO SILENCE BEING BEFORE A QUEEN.
...
PFFT... I DUNNO IF YOU'RE A QUEEN OR WHAT,
BUT YOU AIN'T EVER GONNA SEE ME CRY AGAIN!
WOW... I HUMILIATED YOU AND YOU'RE STILL HIGH AND MIGHTY.

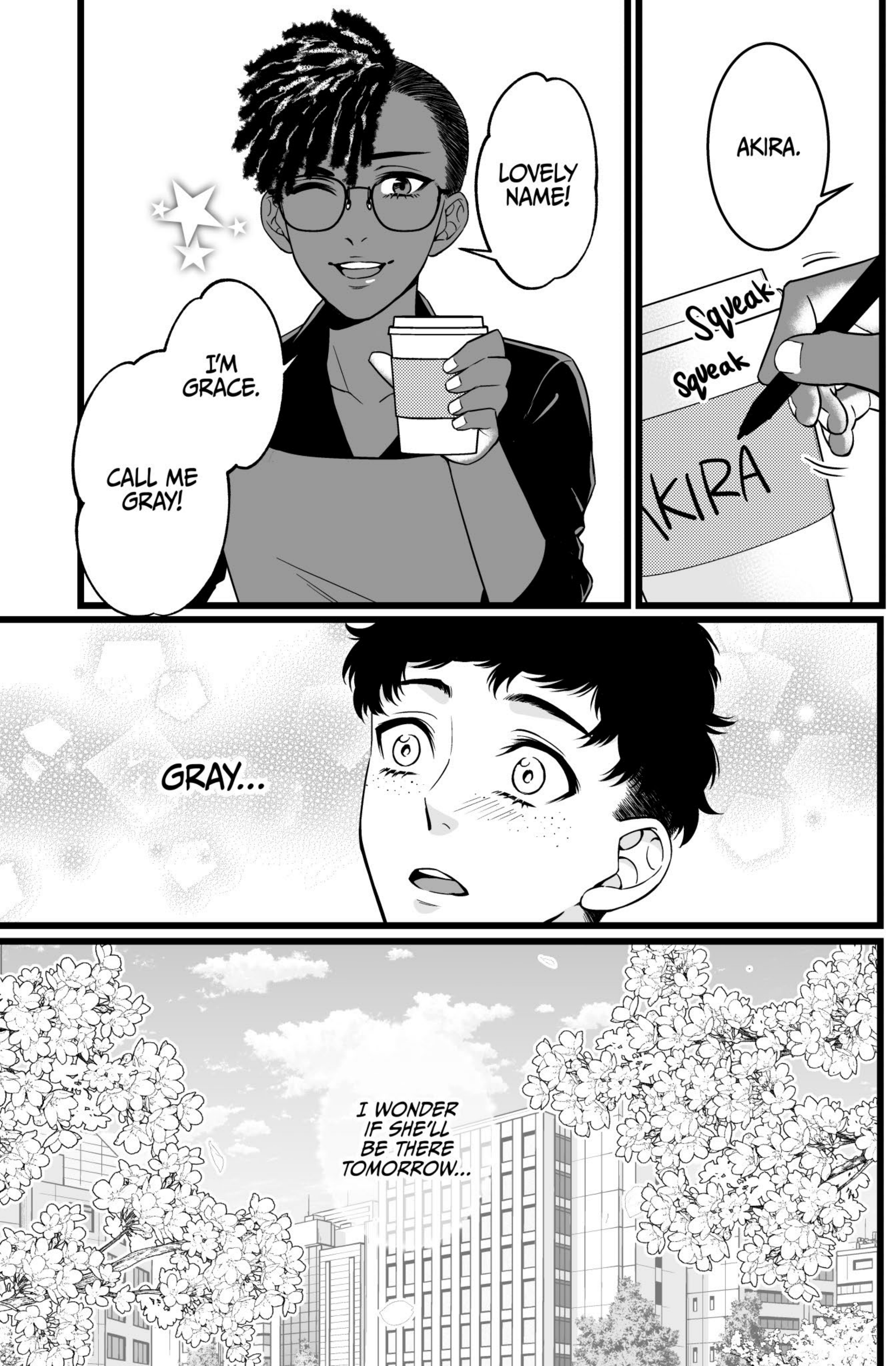

I LOVE CHEEKY GIRLS LIKE YOU.
WELL I FUCKING HATE YOU!
HEY, YOU TWO! SAVE PLAYTIME FOR LATER!
WH-TSSH
FIRST YOU HAVE TO CLEAN THIS FLOOR, ALRIGHT?
...YES MA'AM.
END

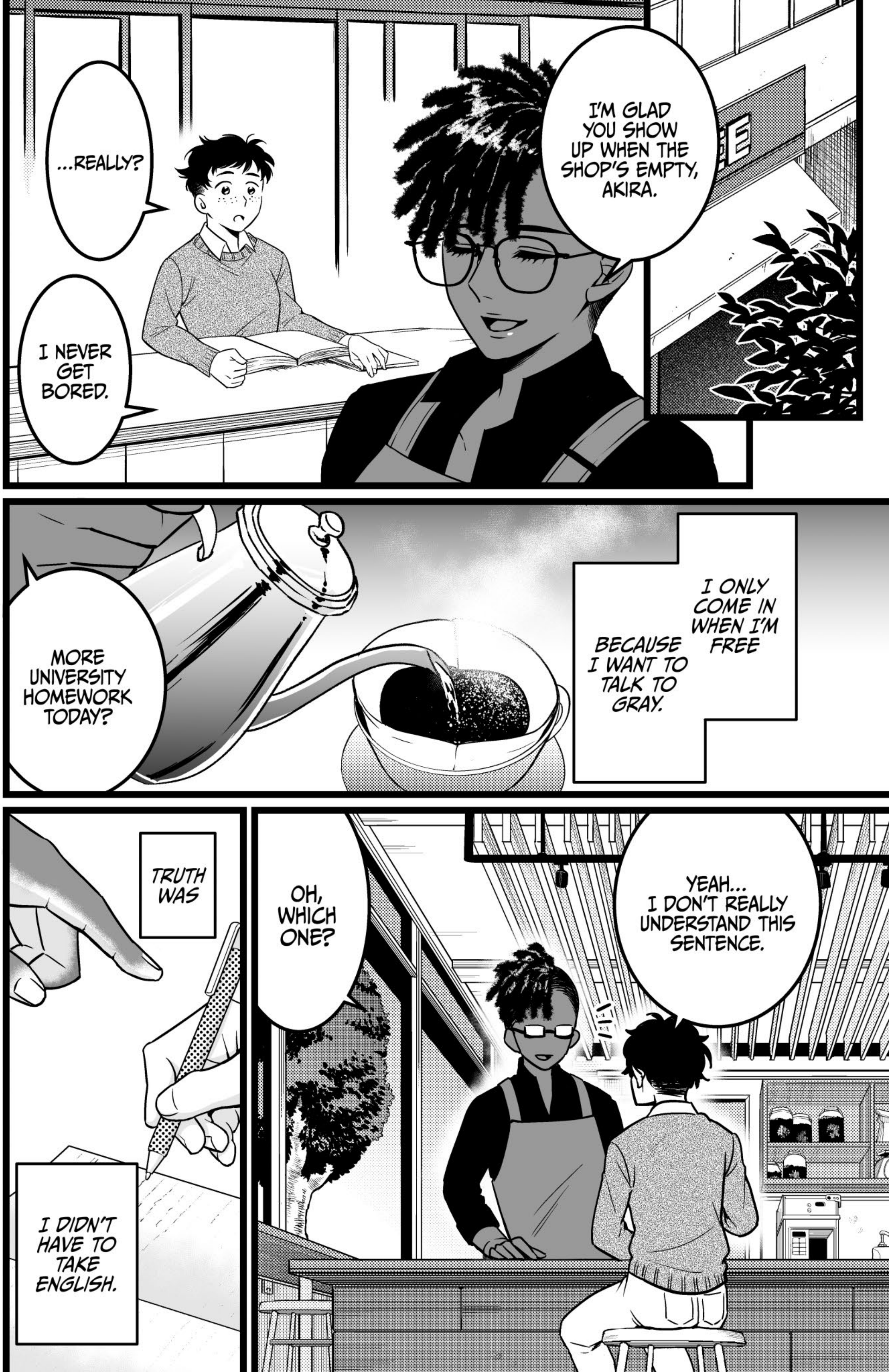
CoffeeTime

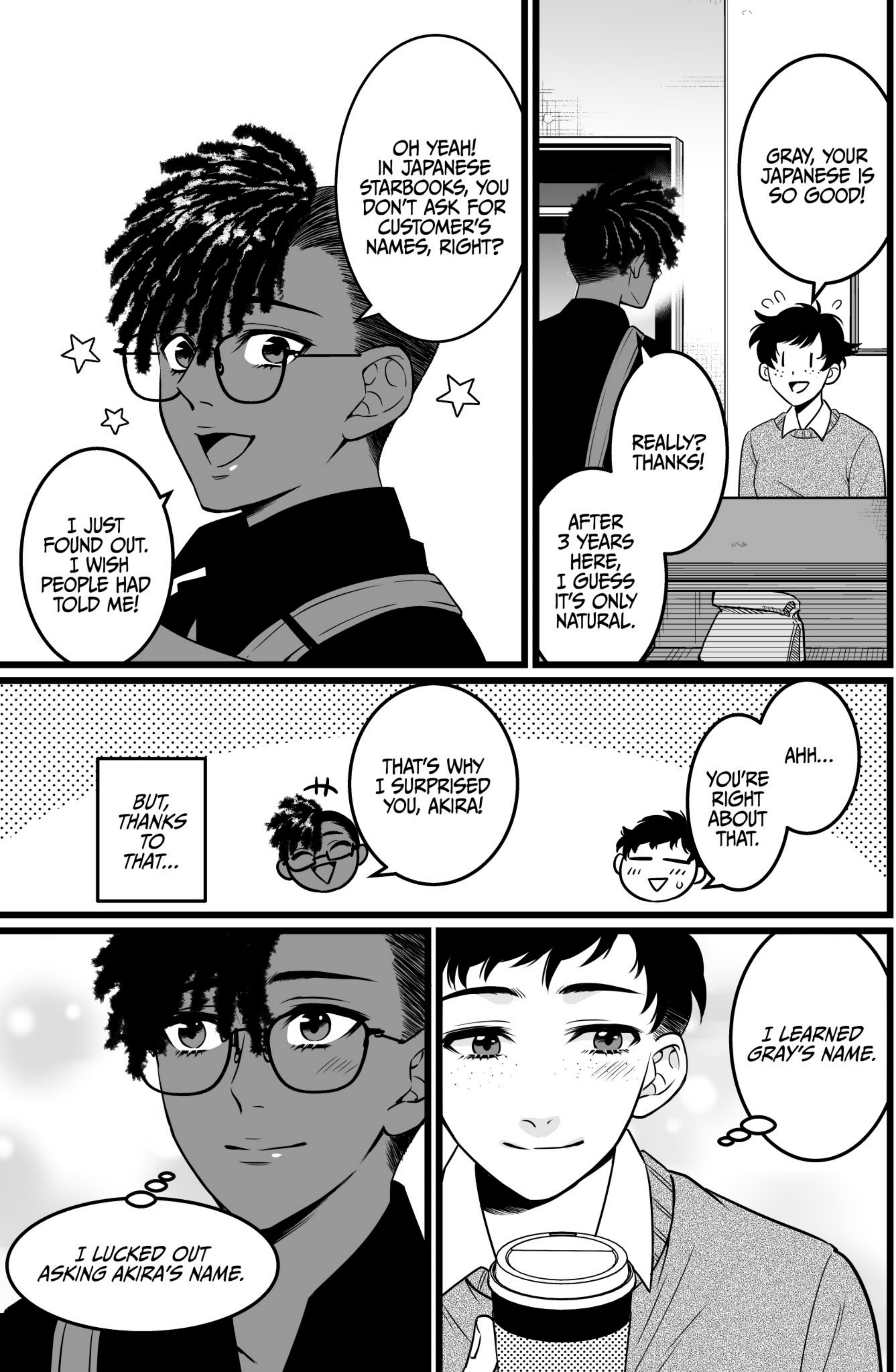
睦巳夏生
Mutsumi Natsuo

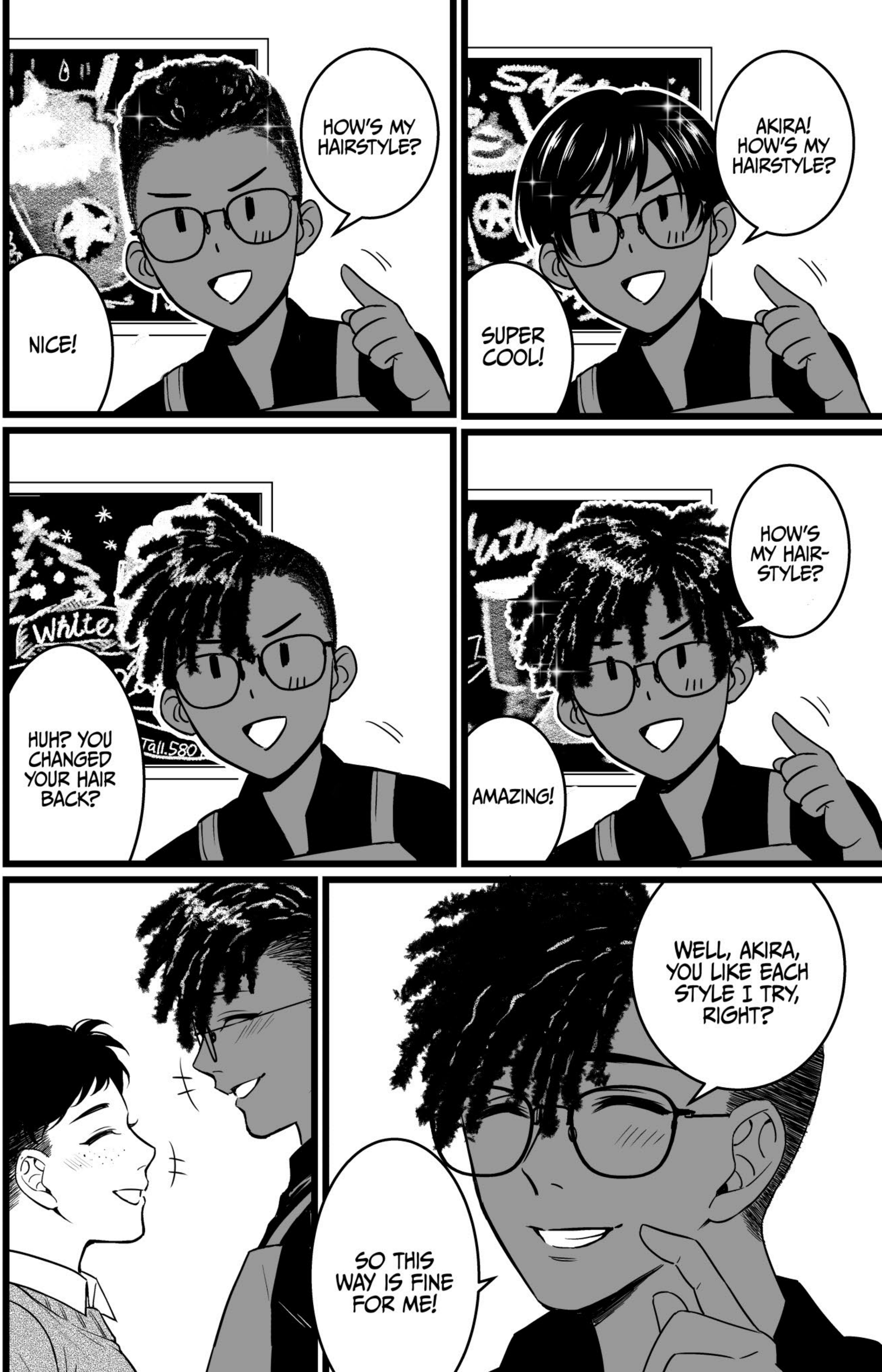

STARBOOKS COFFEE
I'VE GOT TIME BEFORE MY LECTURE.
LET'S STOP IN.
WELCOME!

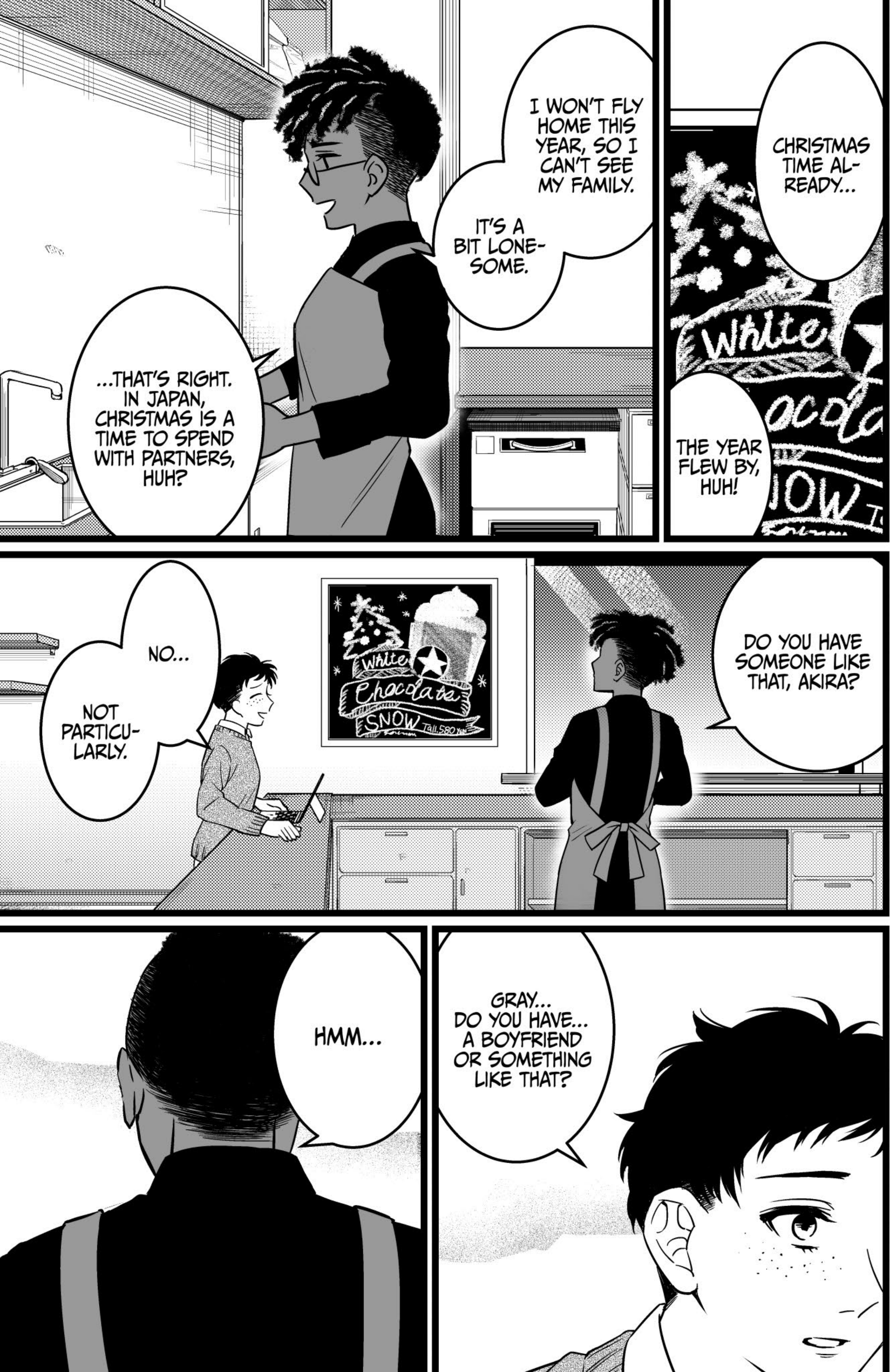

WELCOME TO STAR-BOOKS!
WOAH... SHE'S PRETTY...
?
ARE YOU READY TO ORDER?
UM, WELL...
A TALL CAFFE LATTE, PLEASE...
Coffee & Espresso
OKAY, AND YOUR NAME?
M-MY NAME?
IT'S AKIRA SUME-RAGI...

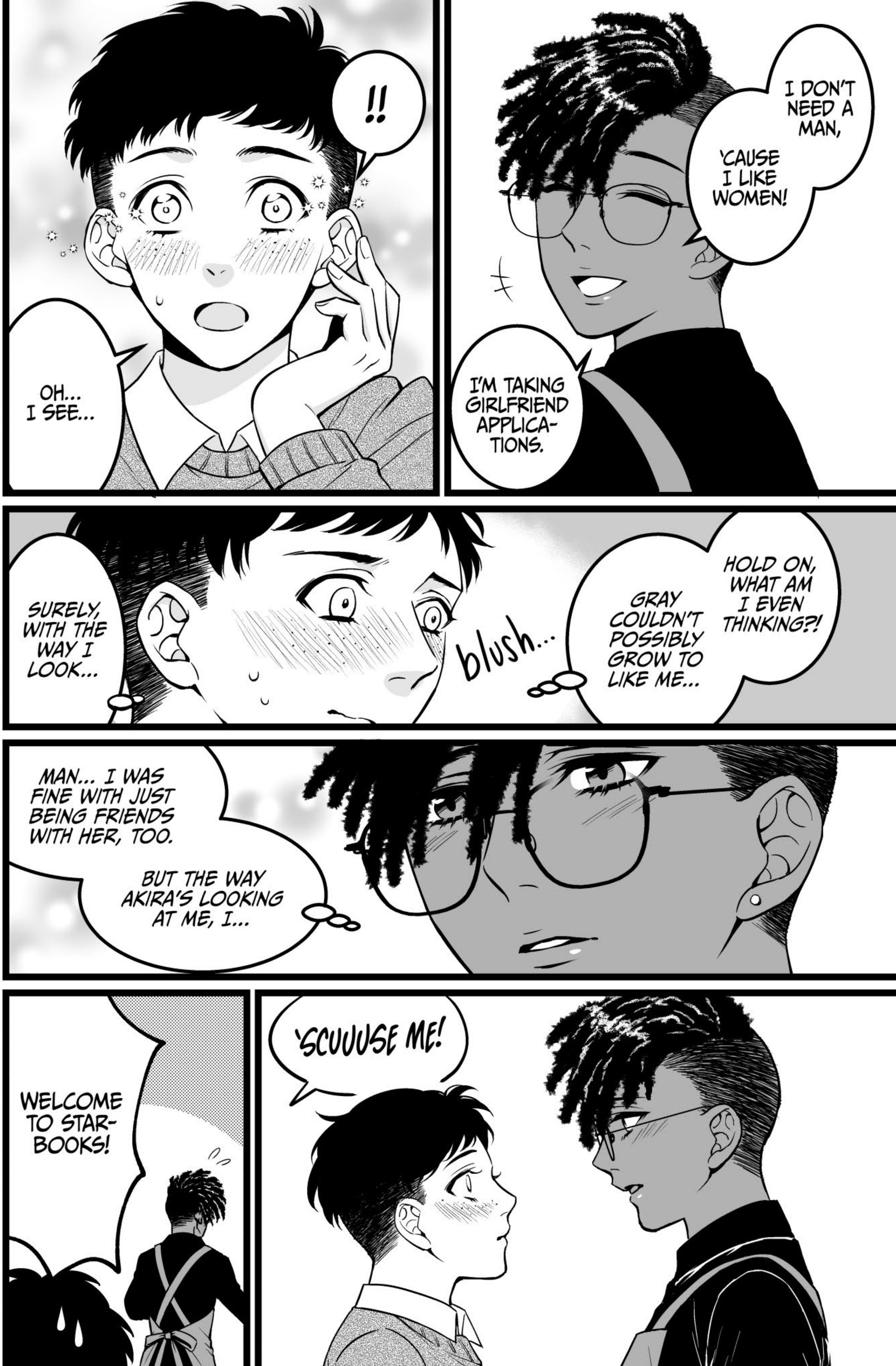

AKIRA.
Squeak
Squeak
KIRA
LOVELY NAME!
I'M GRACE.
CALL ME GRAY!
GRAY...
I WONDER IF SHE'LL BE THERE TOMORROW...

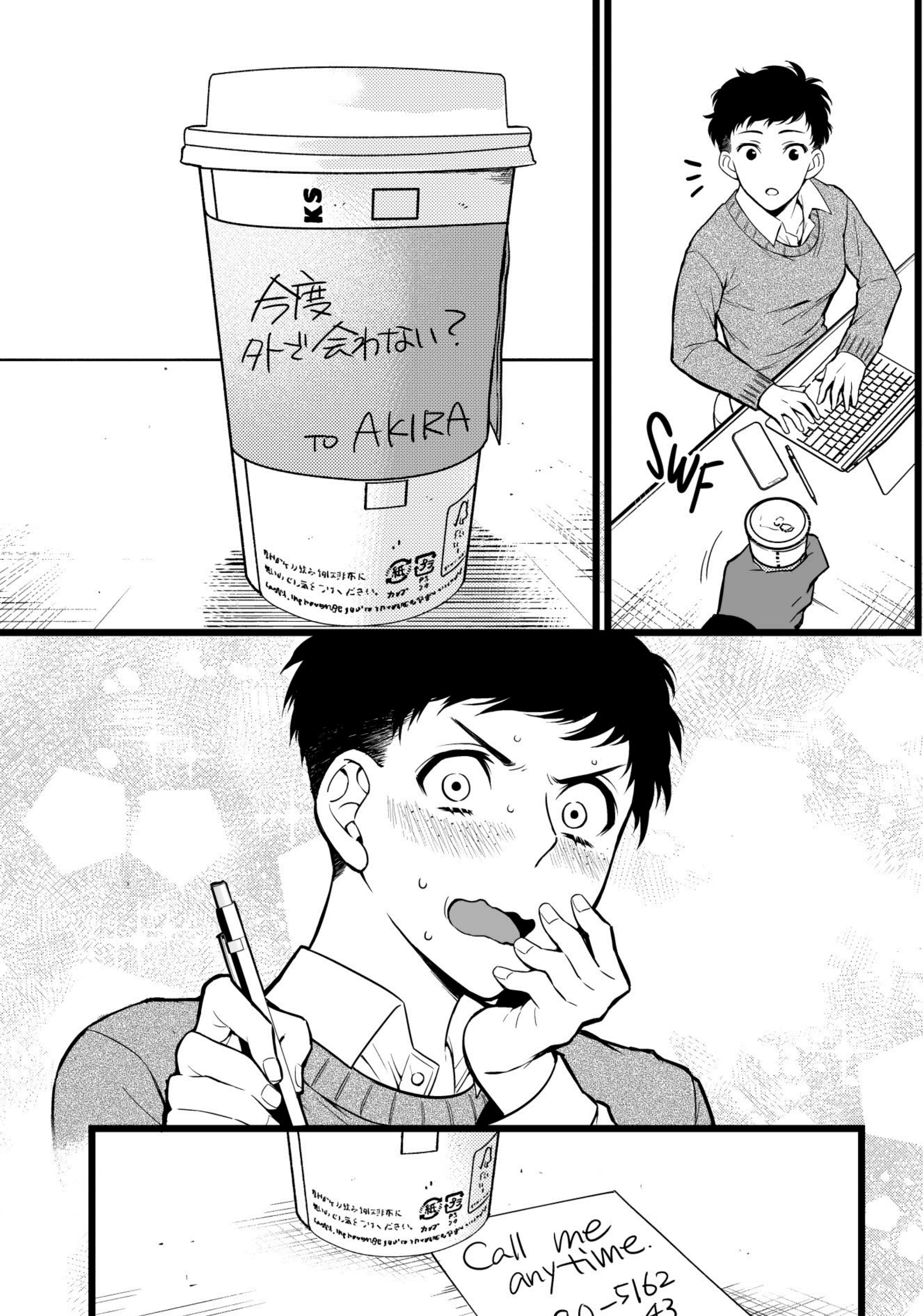

I'M GLAD YOU SHOW UP WHEN THE SHOP'S EMPTY, AKIRA.
...REALLY?
I NEVER GET BORED.
I ONLY COME IN WHEN I'M FREE
BECAUSE I WANT TO TALK TO GRAY.
MORE UNIVERSITY HOMEWORK TODAY?
YEAH... I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THIS SENTENCE.
OH, WHICH ONE?
TRUTH WAS
I DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE ENGLISH.


GRAY, YOUR JAPANESE IS SO GOOD!
REALLY? THANKS!
AFTER 3 YEARS HERE, I GUESS IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
OH YEAH! IN JAPANESE STARBOOKS, YOU DON'T ASK FOR CUSTOMER'S NAMES, RIGHT?
I JUST FOUND OUT. I WISH PEOPLE HAD TOLD ME!
AHH... YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.
THAT'S WHY I SURPRISED YOU, AKIRA!
BUT, THANKS TO THAT...
I LEARNED GRAY'S NAME.
I LUCKED OUT ASKING AKIRA'S NAME.


HOW'S MY HAIRSTYLE?
NICE!
AKIRA! HOW'S MY HAIRSTYLE?
SUPER COOL!
White
Tall.580
HUH? YOU CHANGED YOUR HAIR BACK?
HOW'S MY HAIRSTYLE?
AMAZING!
WELL, AKIRA, YOU LIKE EACH STYLE I TRY, RIGHT?
SO THIS WAY IS FINE FOR ME!


CHRISTMAS TIME ALREADY...
THE YEAR FLEW BY, HUH!
White Chocolate SNOW
I WON'T FLY HOME THIS YEAR, SO I CAN'T SEE MY FAMILY.
IT'S A BIT LONESOME.
...THAT'S RIGHT. IN JAPAN, CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO SPEND WITH PARTNERS, HUH?
DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT, AKIRA?
White Chocolate SNOW Tall 580 Yen
NO...
NOT PARTICULARLY.
GRAY... DO YOU HAVE... A BOYFRIEND OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
HMM...


I DON'T NEED A MAN, 'CAUSE I LIKE WOMEN!
I'M TAKING GIRLFRIEND APPLICATIONS.
!!
OH... I SEE...
SURELY, WITH THE WAY I LOOK...
blush...
GRAY COULDN'T POSSIBLY GROW TO LIKE ME...
HOLD ON, WHAT AM I EVEN THINKING?!
MAN... I WAS FINE WITH JUST BEING FRIENDS WITH HER, TOO.
BUT THE WAY AKIRA'S LOOKING AT ME, I...
'SCUUUSE ME!
WELCOME TO STARBOOKS!


KS
今度
外で会わない？
TO AKIRA
SWF
Call me
any time.
5162
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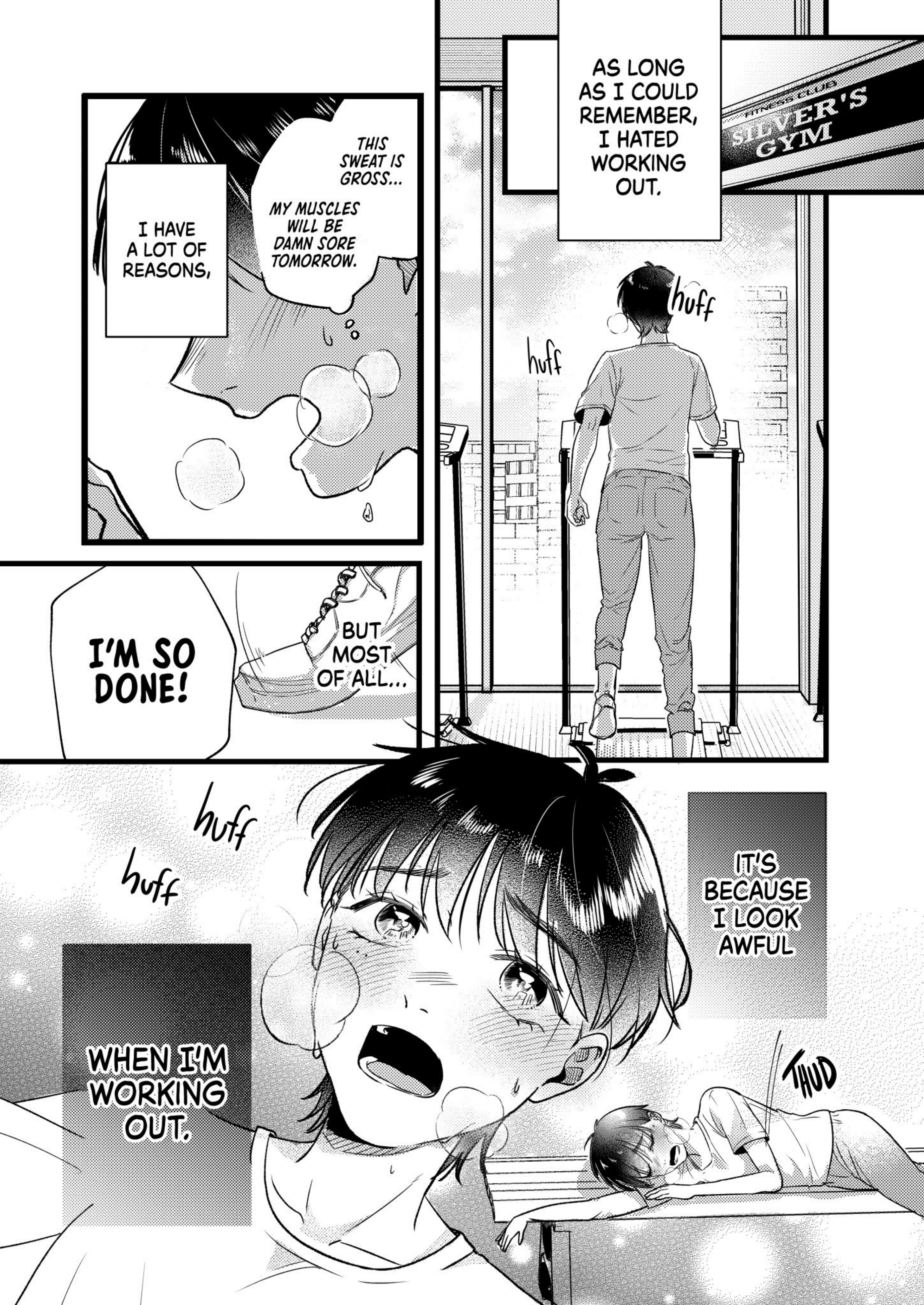
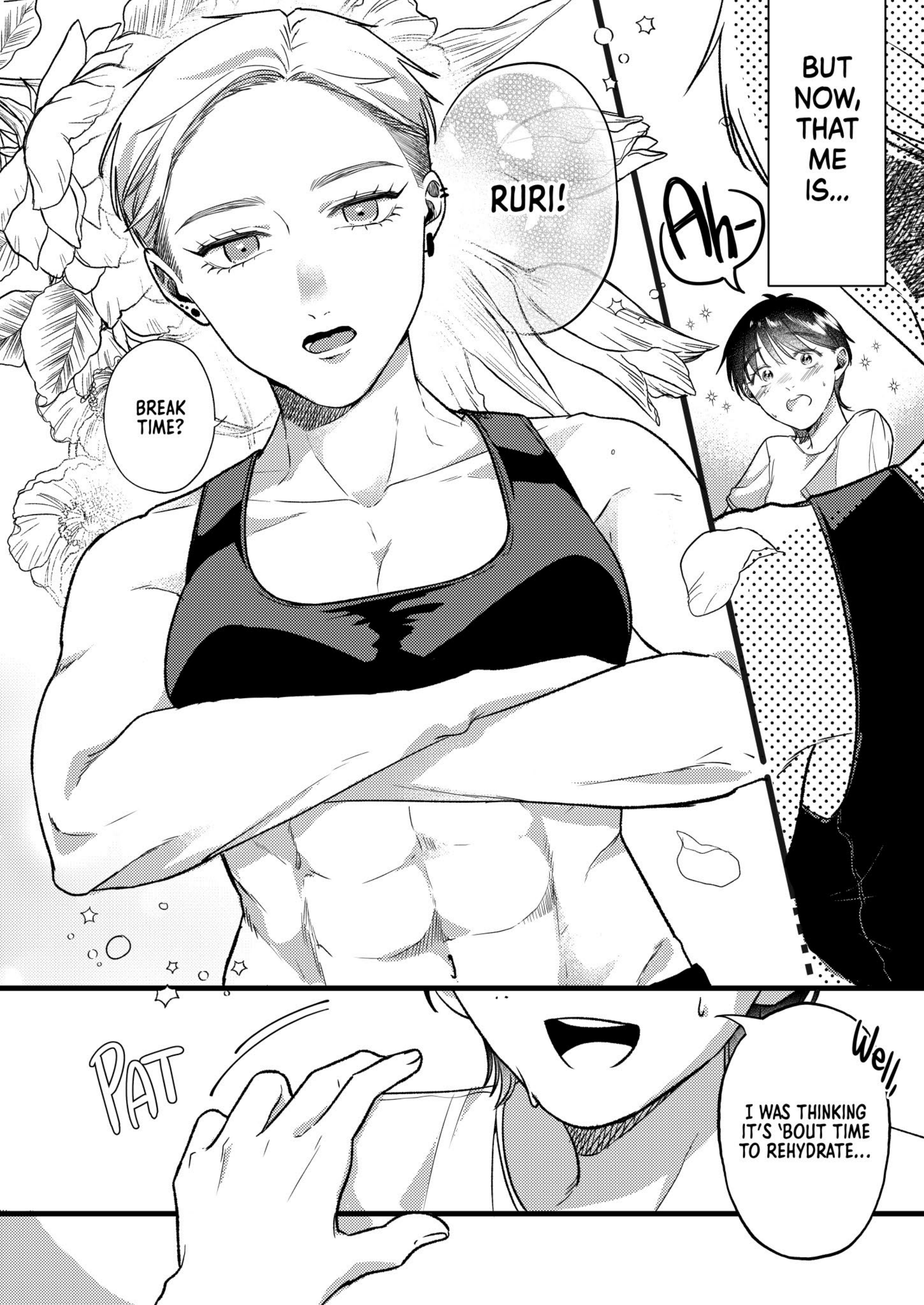
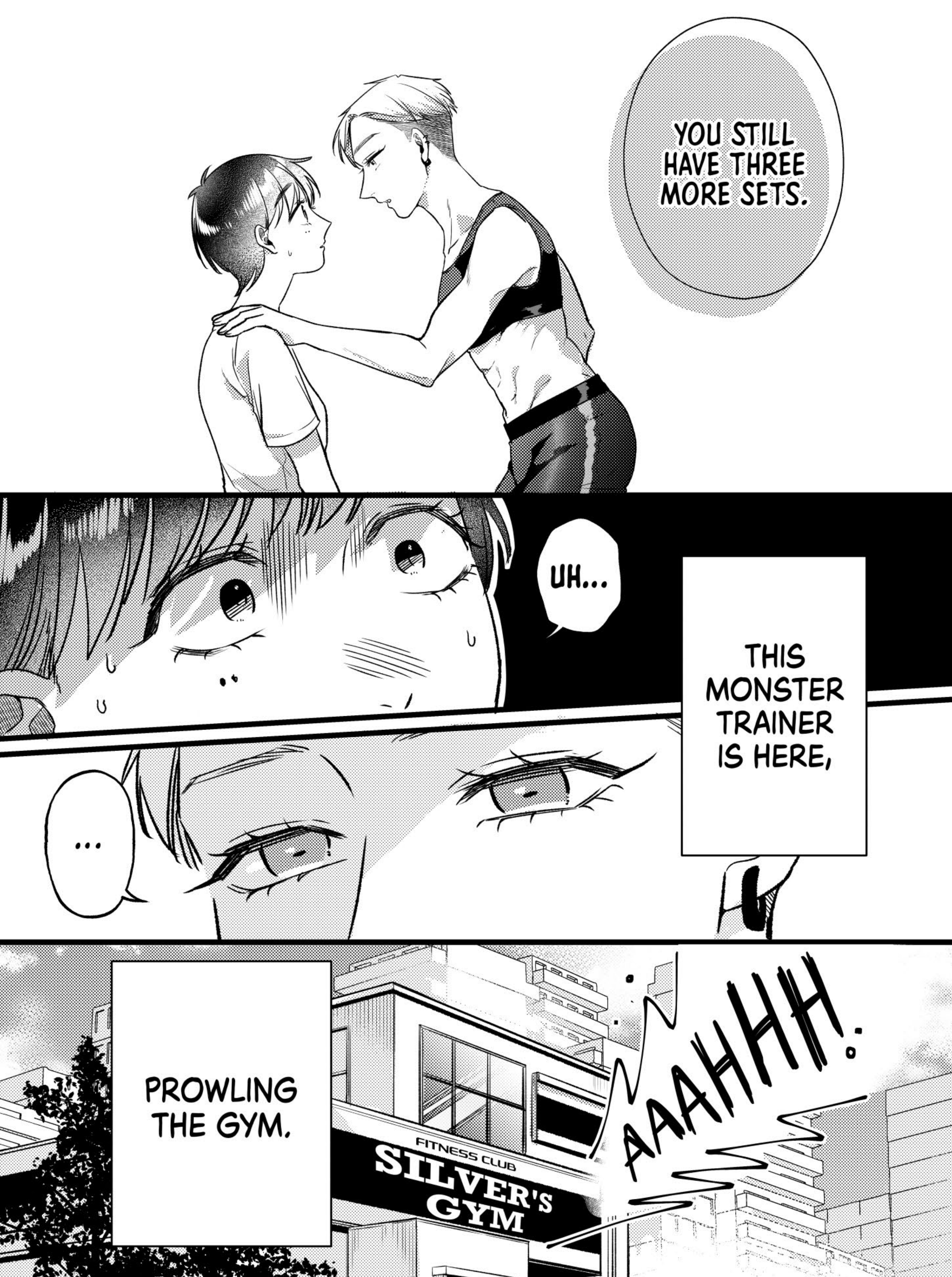
END

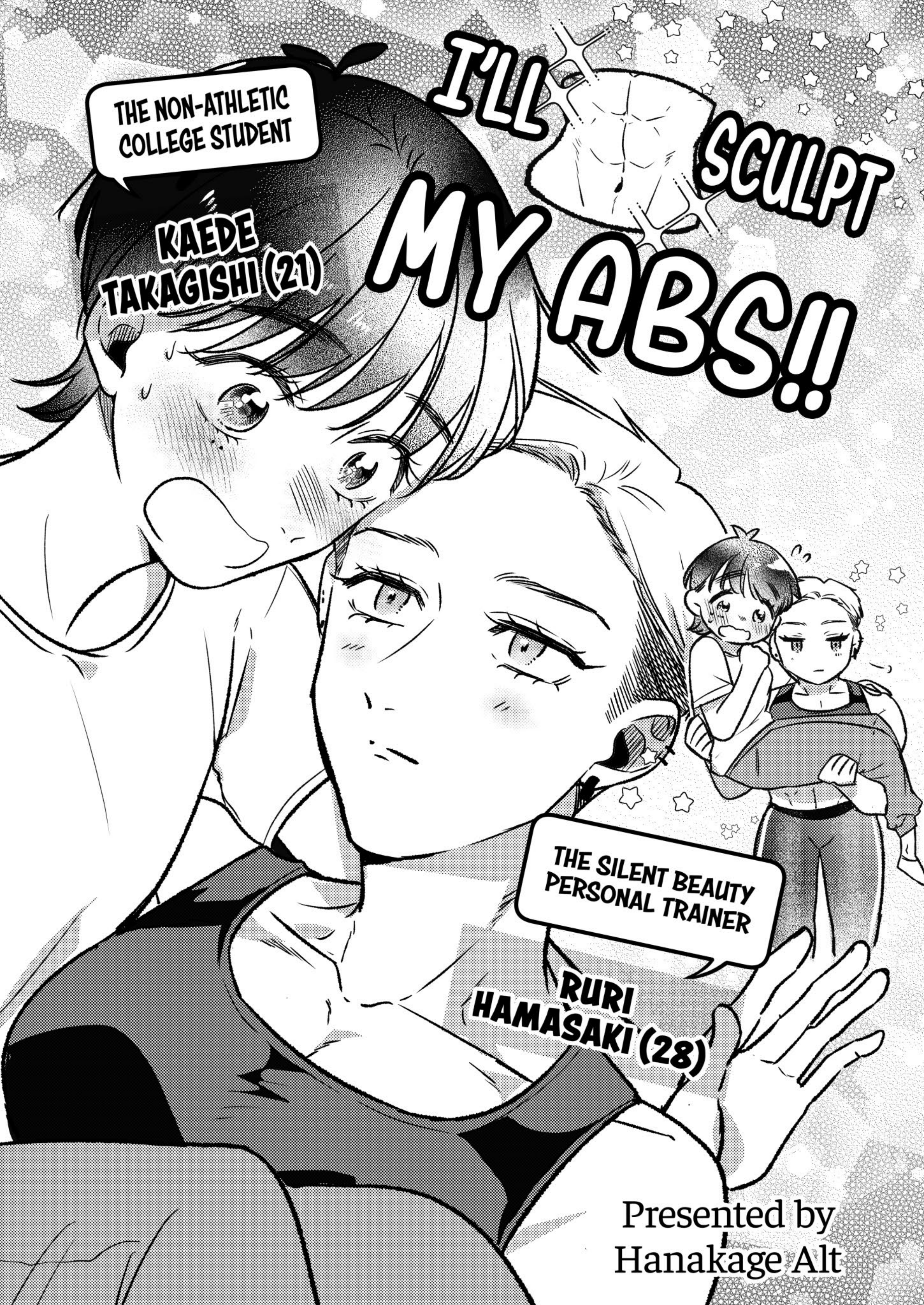
Love is Love♡


AS LONG AS I COULD REMEMBER, I HATED WORKING OUT.
FITNESS CLUB SILVER'S GYM
huff
huff
THIS SWEAT IS GROSS...
MY MUSCLES WILL BE DAMN SORE TOMORROW.
I HAVE A LOT OF REASONS,
BUT MOST OF ALL...
I'M SO DONE!
huff
huff
IT'S BECAUSE I LOOK AWFUL
THUD
WHEN I'M WORKING OUT.

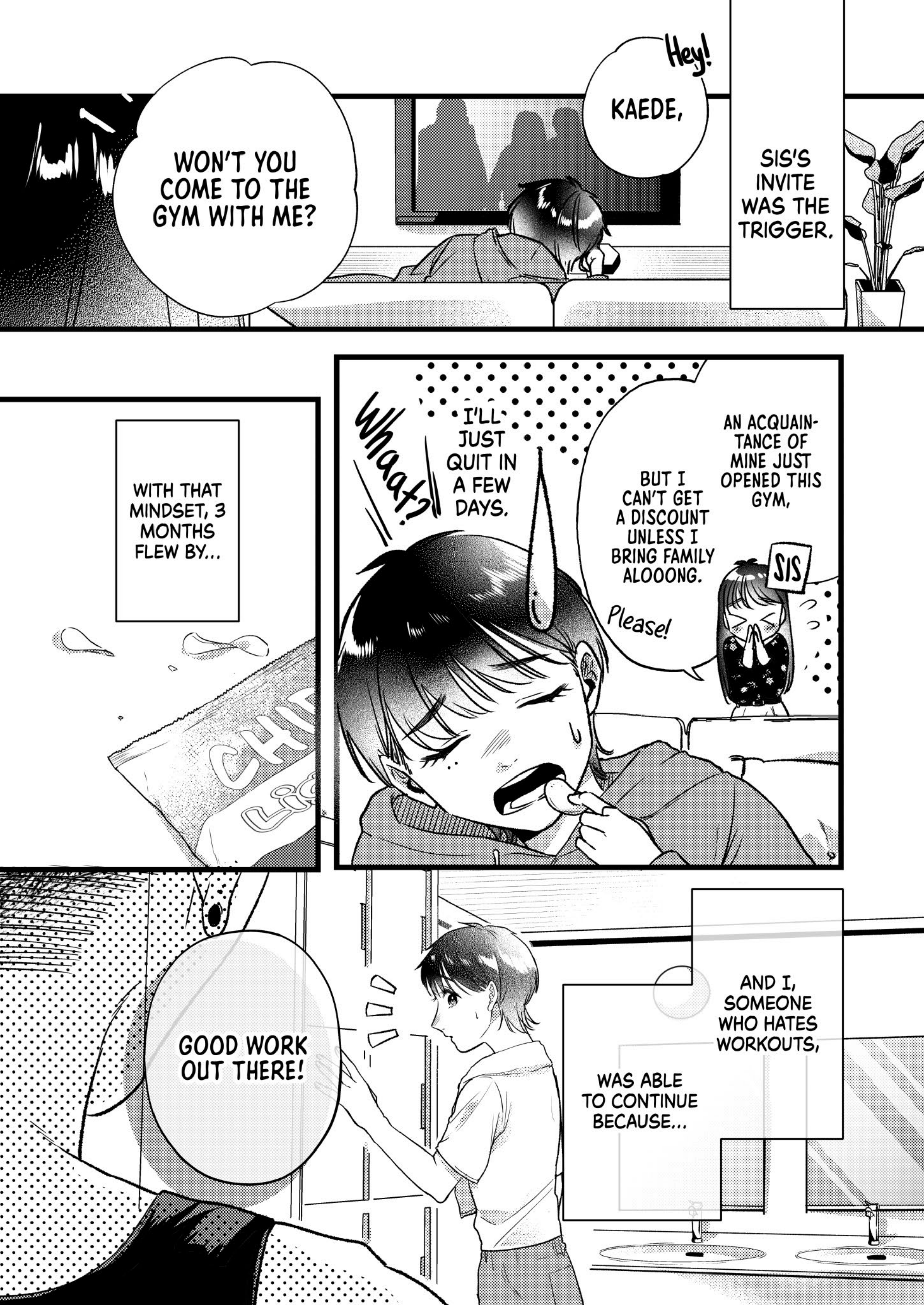

BUT NOW, THAT ME IS...
Ah-
RURI!
BREAK TIME?
Well,
I WAS THINKING IT'S 'BOUT TIME TO REHYDRATE...
PAT

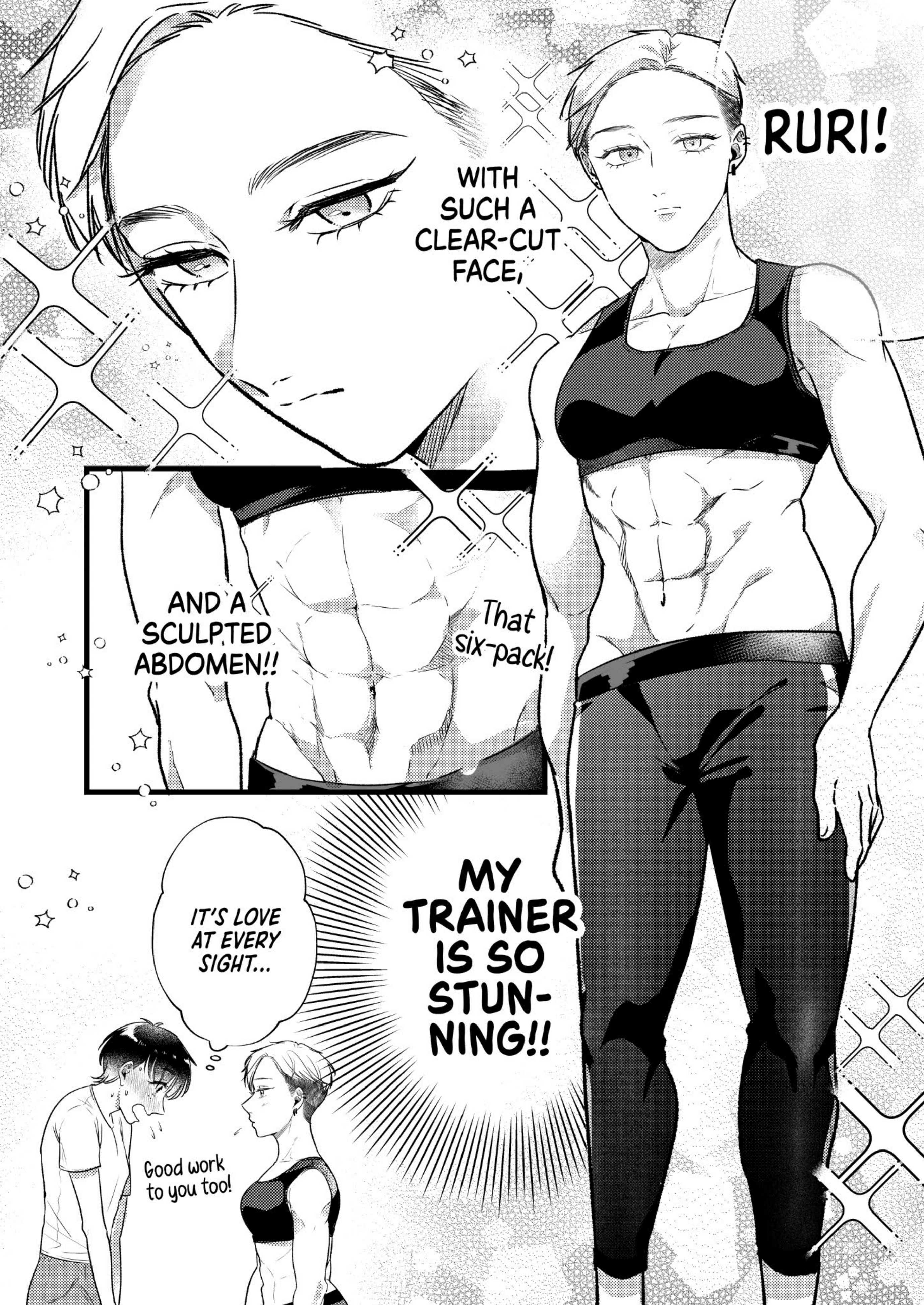

YOU STILL HAVE THREE MORE SETS.
THIS MONSTER TRAINER IS HERE,
UH...
...
AAAHHH!
PROWLING THE GYM.
FITNESS CLUB
SILVER'S GYM

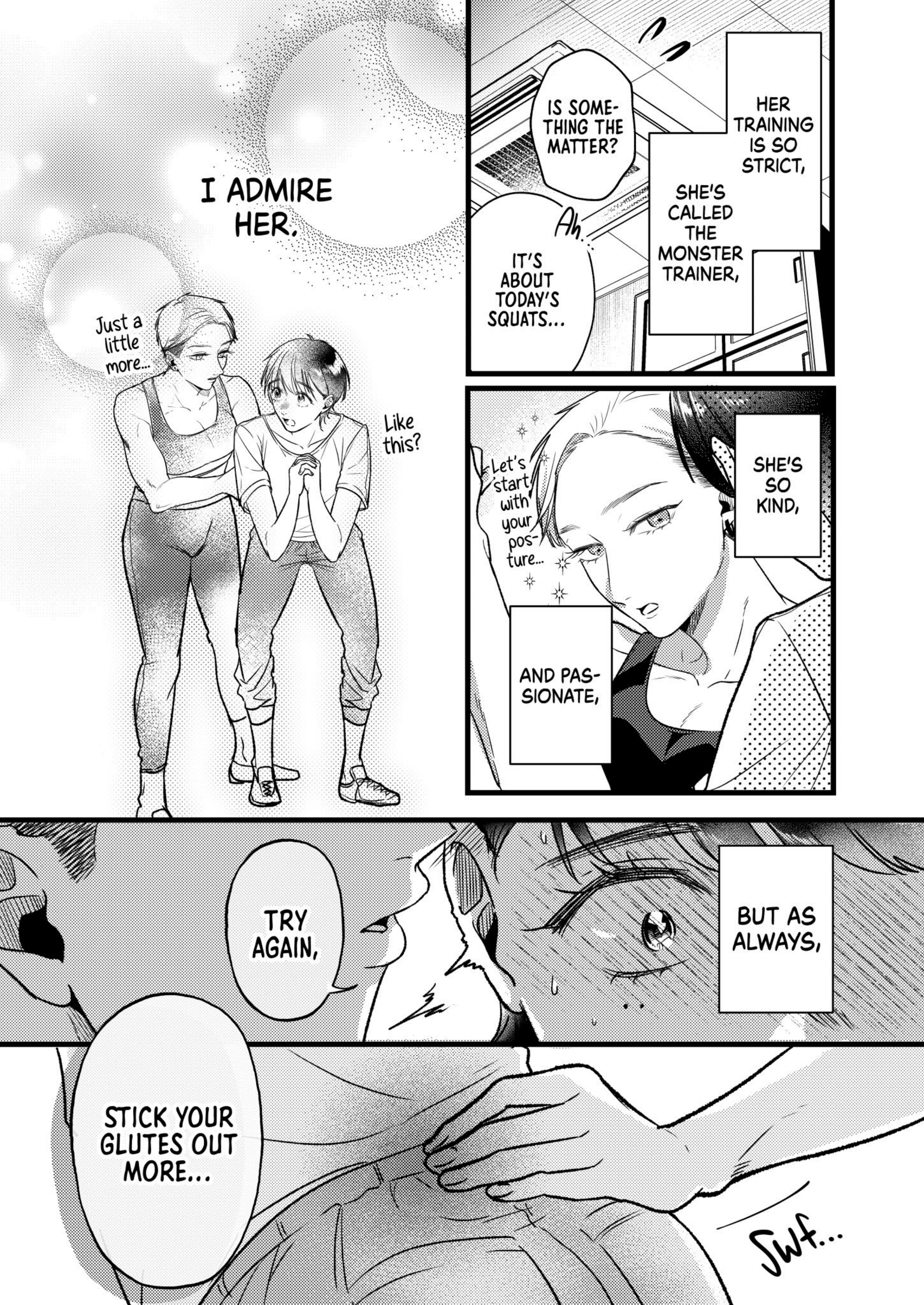
I'LL SCULPT MY ABS!!

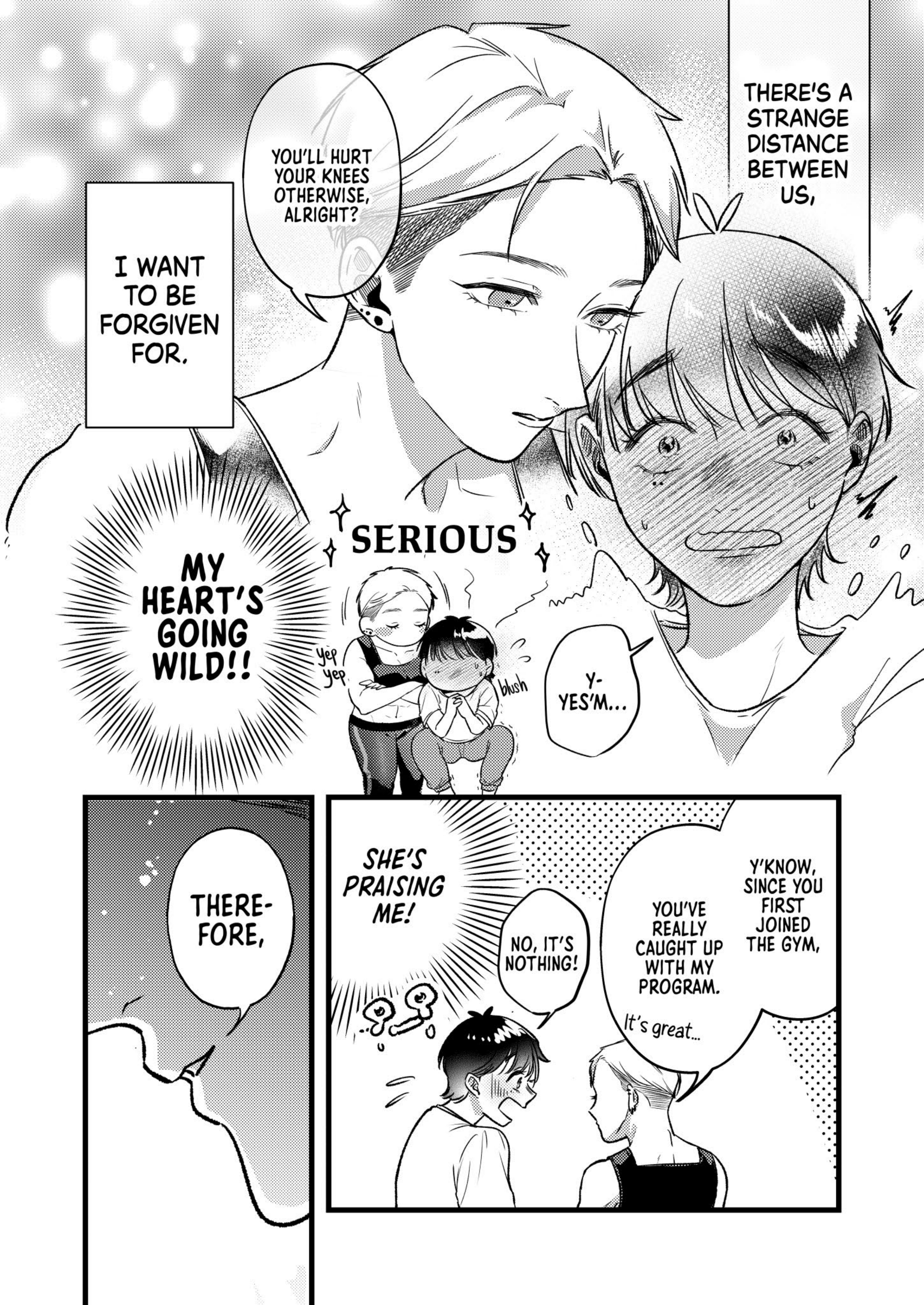

THE NON-ATHLETIC COLLEGE STUDENT
KAEDE TAKAGISHI (21)
THE SILENT BEAUTY PERSONAL TRAINER
RURI HAMASAKI (28)

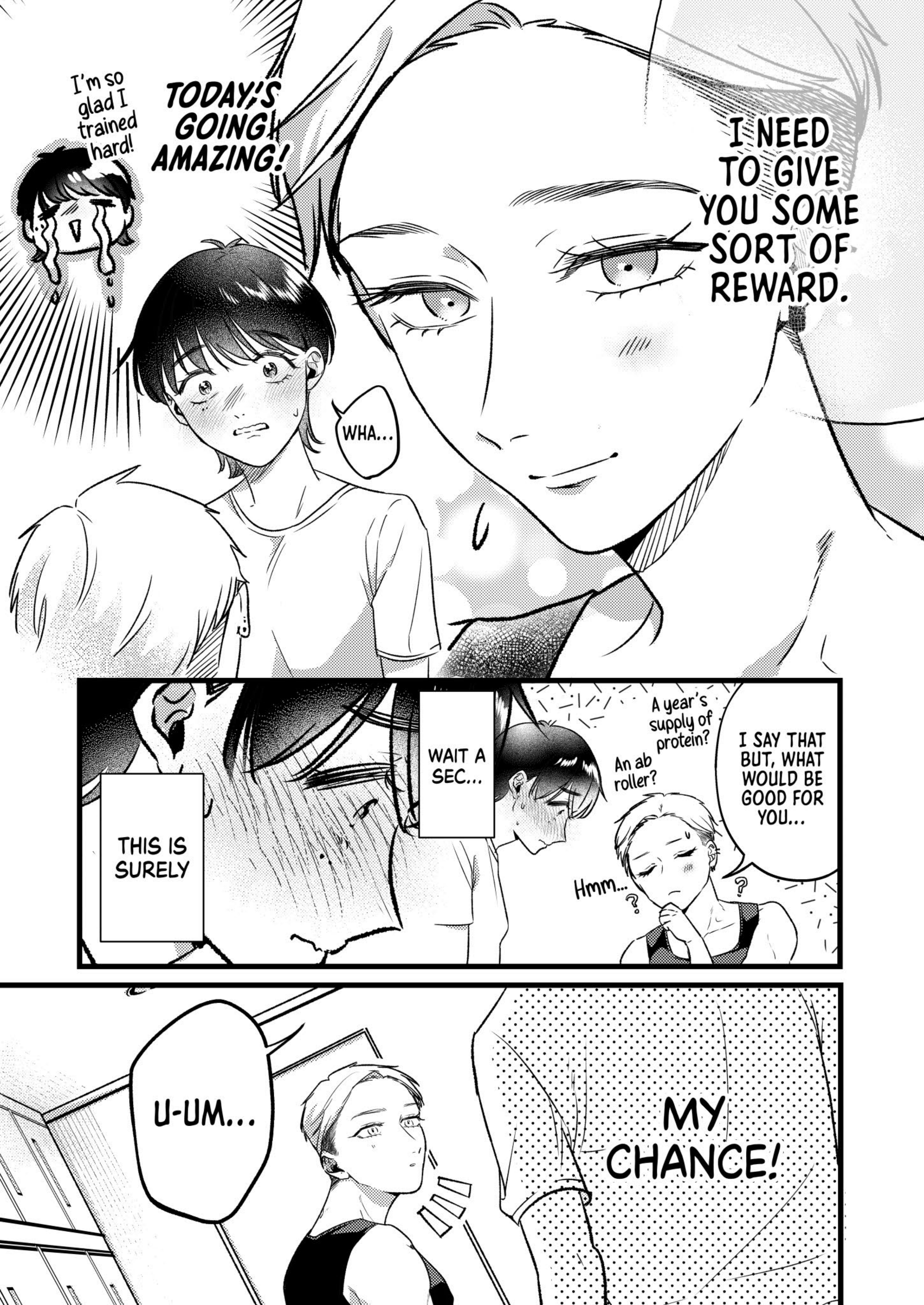
Presented by
Hanakage Alt

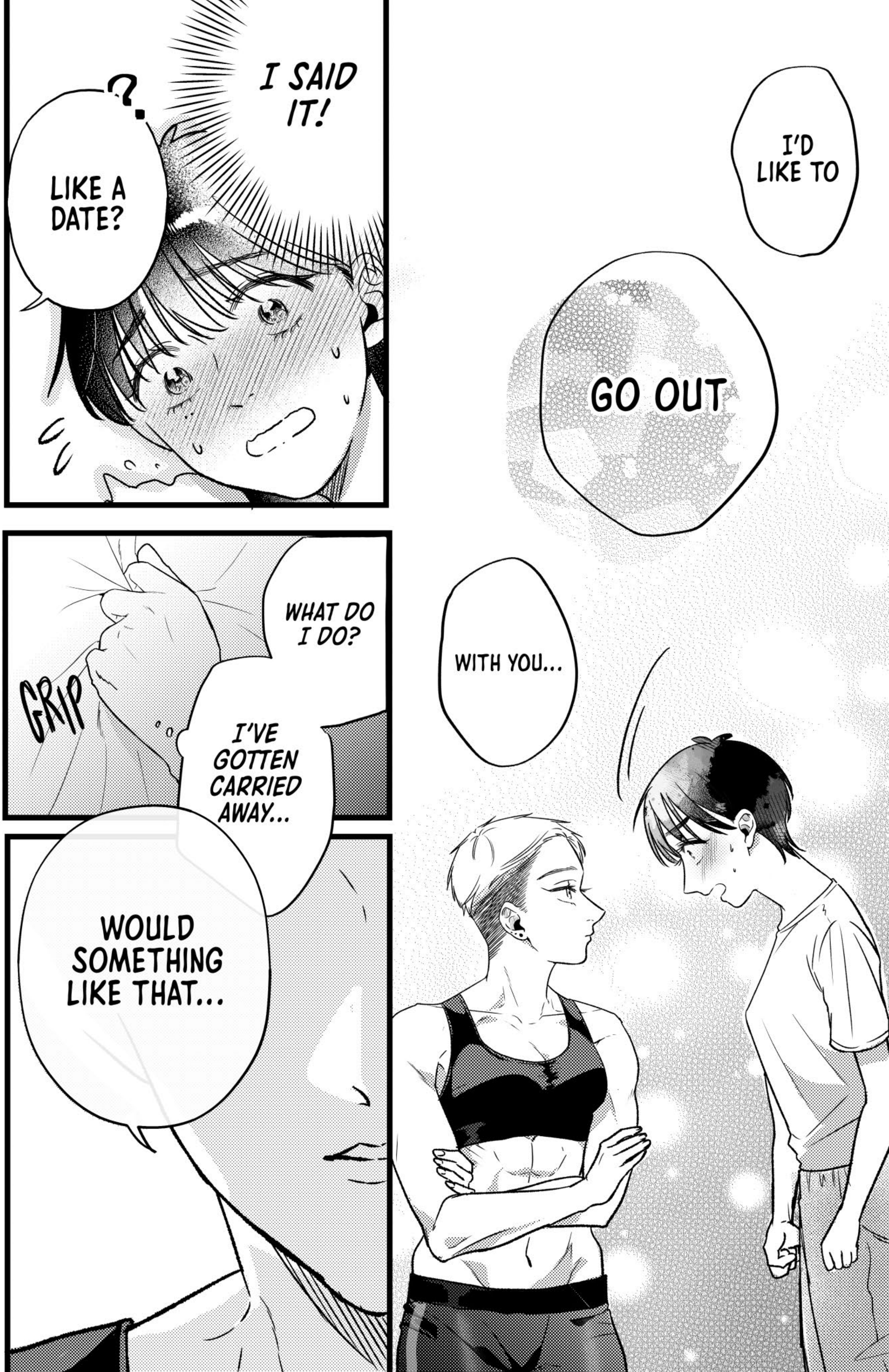

SIS'S INVITE WAS THE TRIGGER.
Hey!
KAEDE,
WON'T YOU COME TO THE GYM WITH ME?
AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE JUST OPENED THIS GYM,
BUT I CAN'T GET A DISCOUNT UNLESS I BRING FAMILY ALOOONG.
Please!
SIS
I'LL JUST QUIT IN A FEW DAYS.
Whaat?
WITH THAT MINDSET, 3 MONTHS FLEW BY...
AND I, SOMEONE WHO HATES WORKOUTS,
WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE BECAUSE...
GOOD WORK OUT THERE!

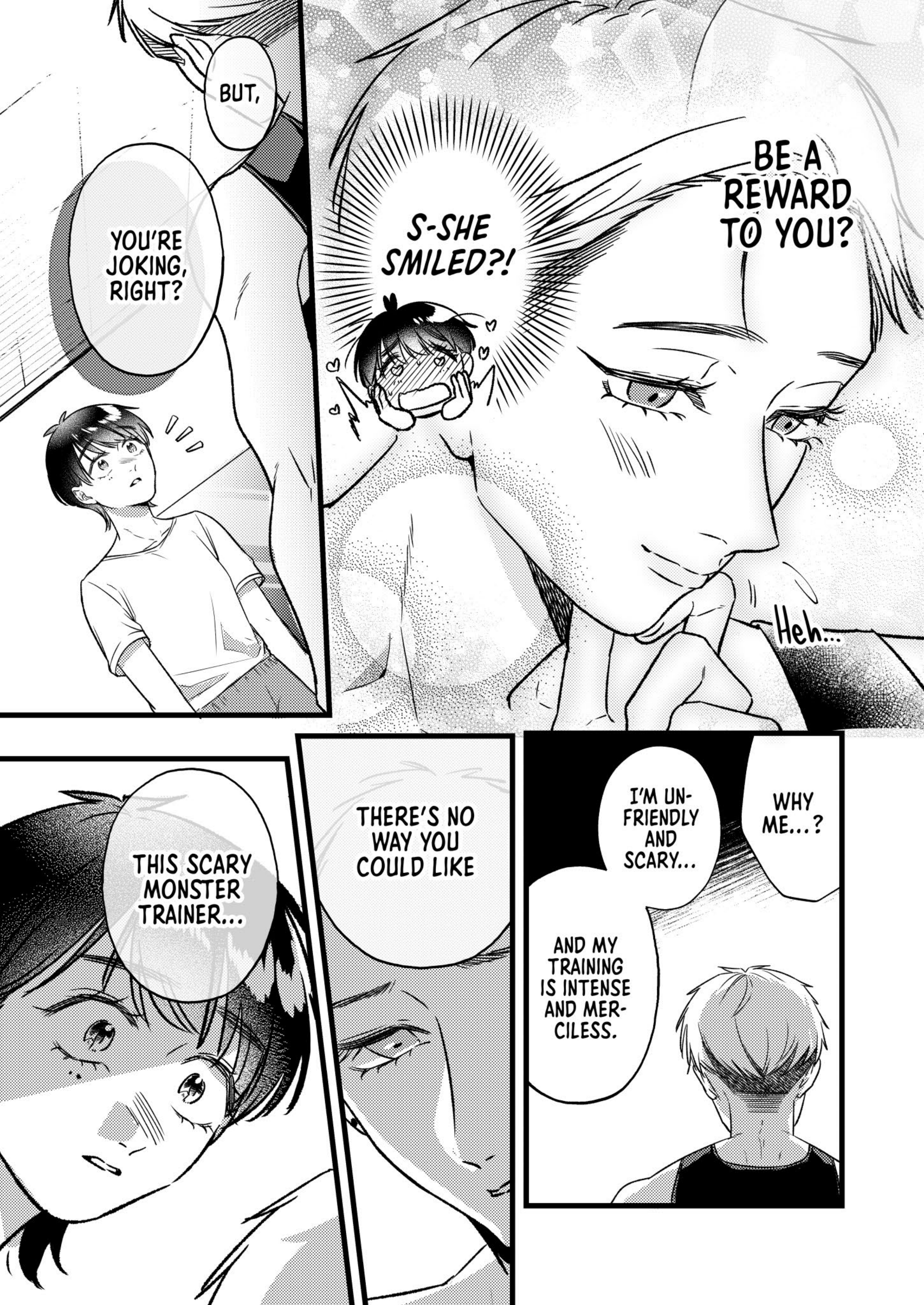

RURI!
WITH SUCH A CLEAR-CUT FACE,
AND A SCULPTED ABDOMEN!!
That six-pack!
MY TRAINER IS SO STUNNING!!
IT'S LOVE AT EVERY SIGHT...
Good work to you too!

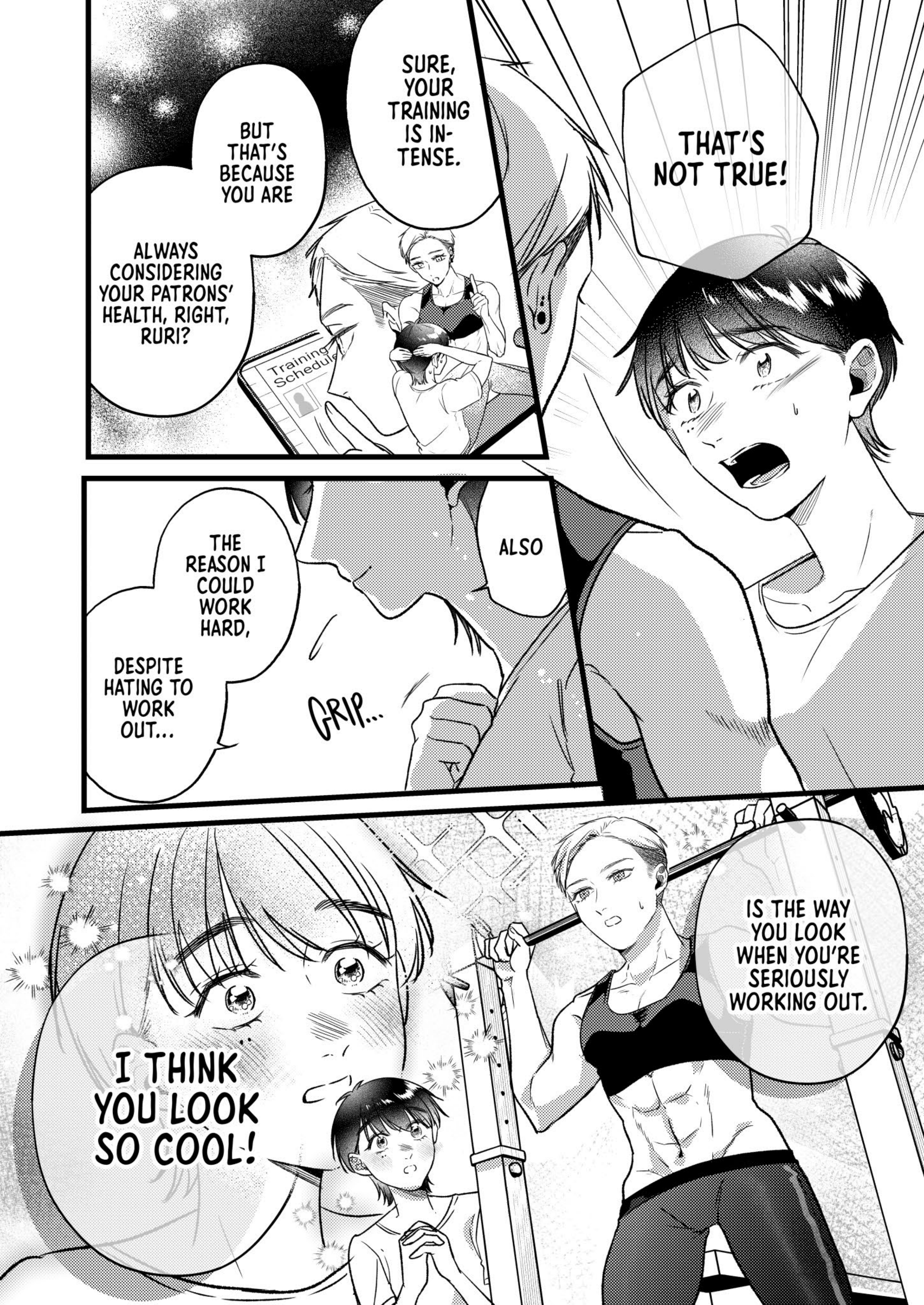

HER TRAINING IS SO STRICT,
SHE'S CALLED THE MONSTER TRAINER,
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
Ah...
IT'S ABOUT TODAY'S SQUATS...
SHE'S SO KIND,
AND PASSIONATE,
Let's start with your posture...
I ADMIRE HER.
Like this?
Just a little more...
BUT AS ALWAYS,
TRY AGAIN,
STICK YOUR GLUTES OUT MORE...
Swf...

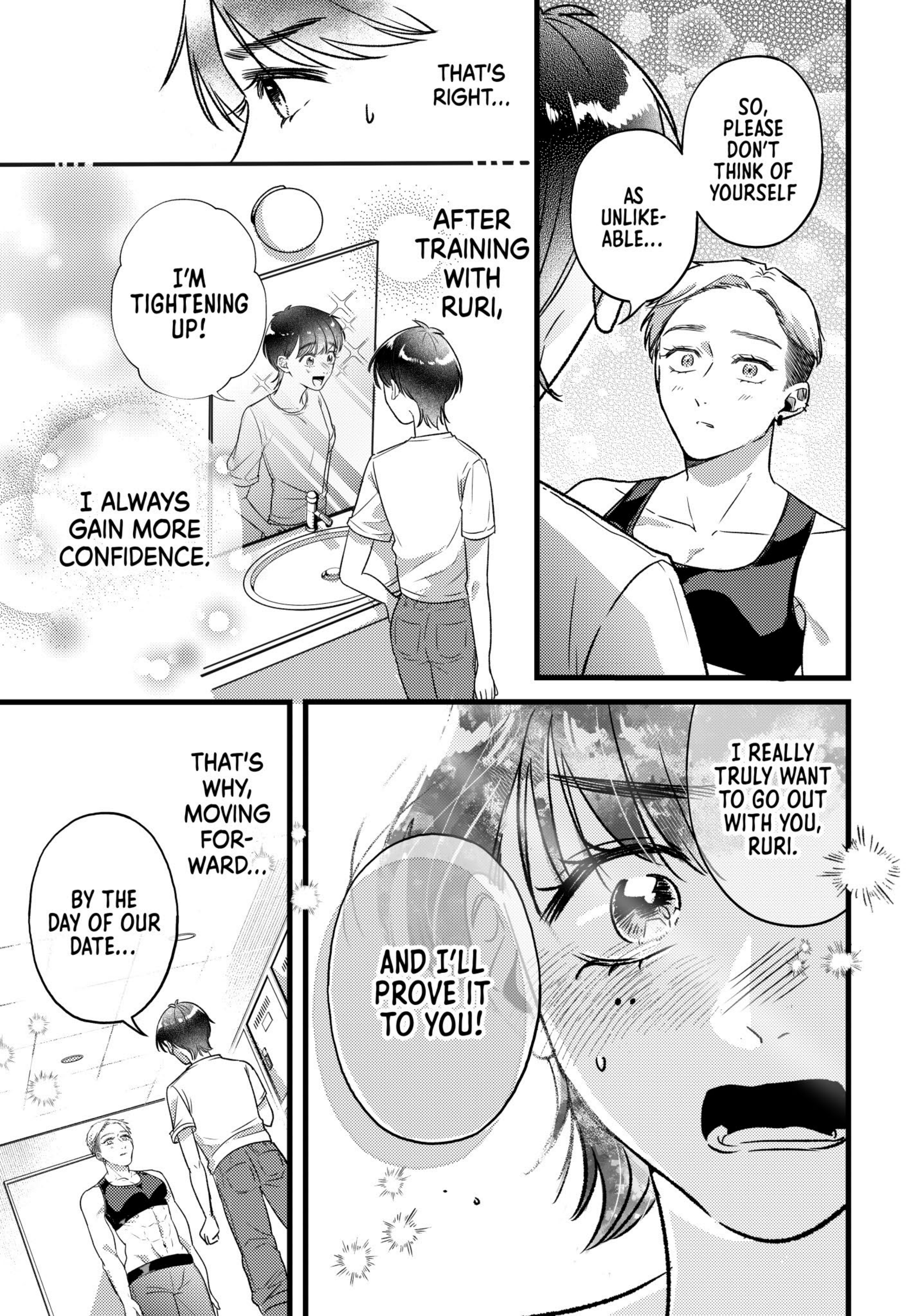

THERE'S A STRANGE DISTANCE BETWEEN US,
YOU'LL HURT YOUR KNEES OTHERWISE, ALRIGHT?
I WANT TO BE FORGIVEN FOR.
Y-YES'M...
SERIOUS
blush
Yep yep
MY HEART'S GOING WILD!!
Y'KNOW, SINCE YOU FIRST JOINED THE GYM,
YOU'VE REALLY CAUGHT UP WITH MY PROGRAM.
It's great...
NO, IT'S NOTHING!
SHE'S PRAISING ME!
THEREFORE,

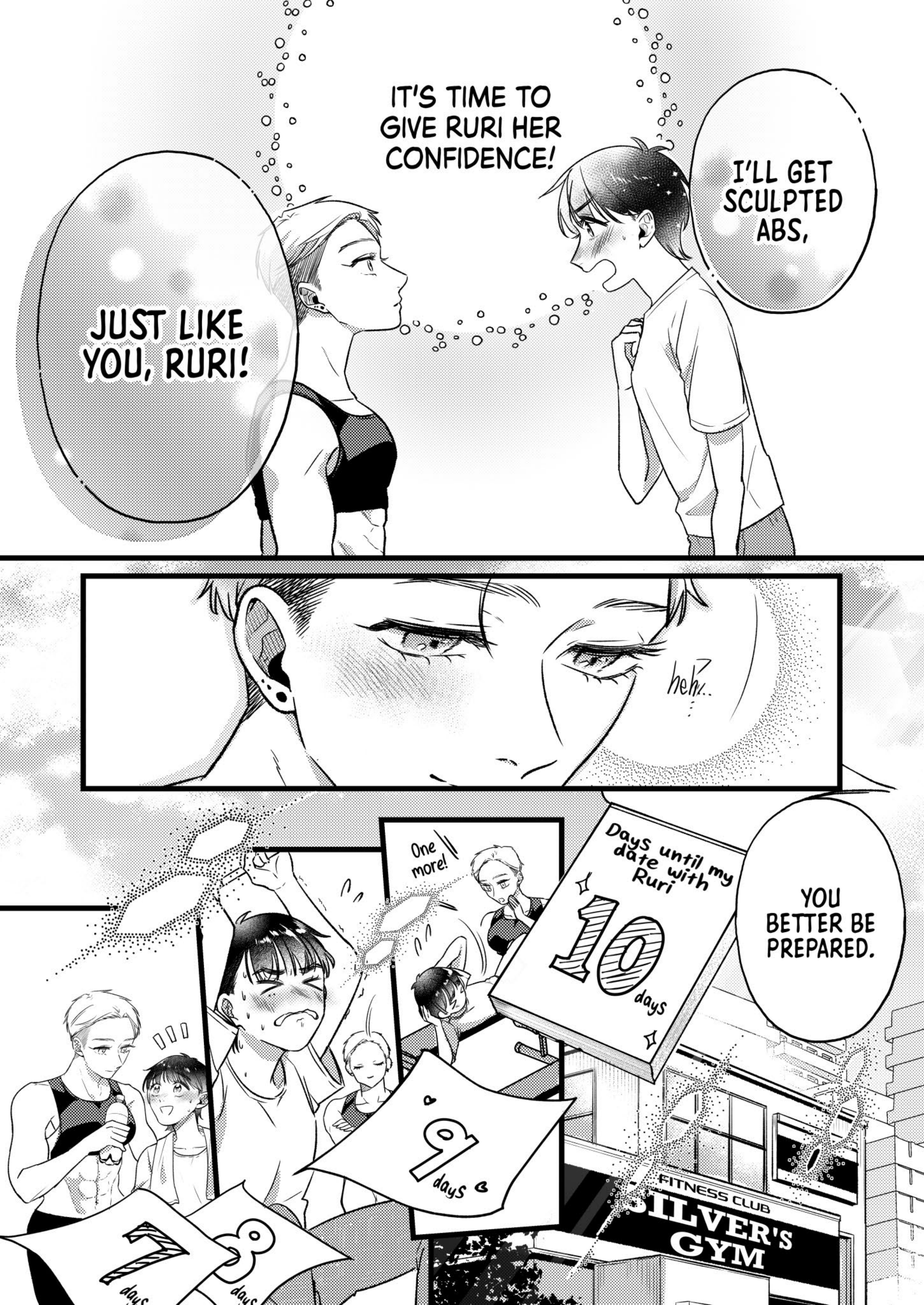

I NEED TO GIVE YOU SOME SORT OF REWARD.
WHA...
TODAY'S GOING AMAZING!
I'm so glad I trained hard!
I SAY THAT BUT, WHAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU...
A year's supply of protein?
An ab roller?
Hmm...
WAIT A SEC...
THIS IS SURELY
MY CHANCE!
U-UM...

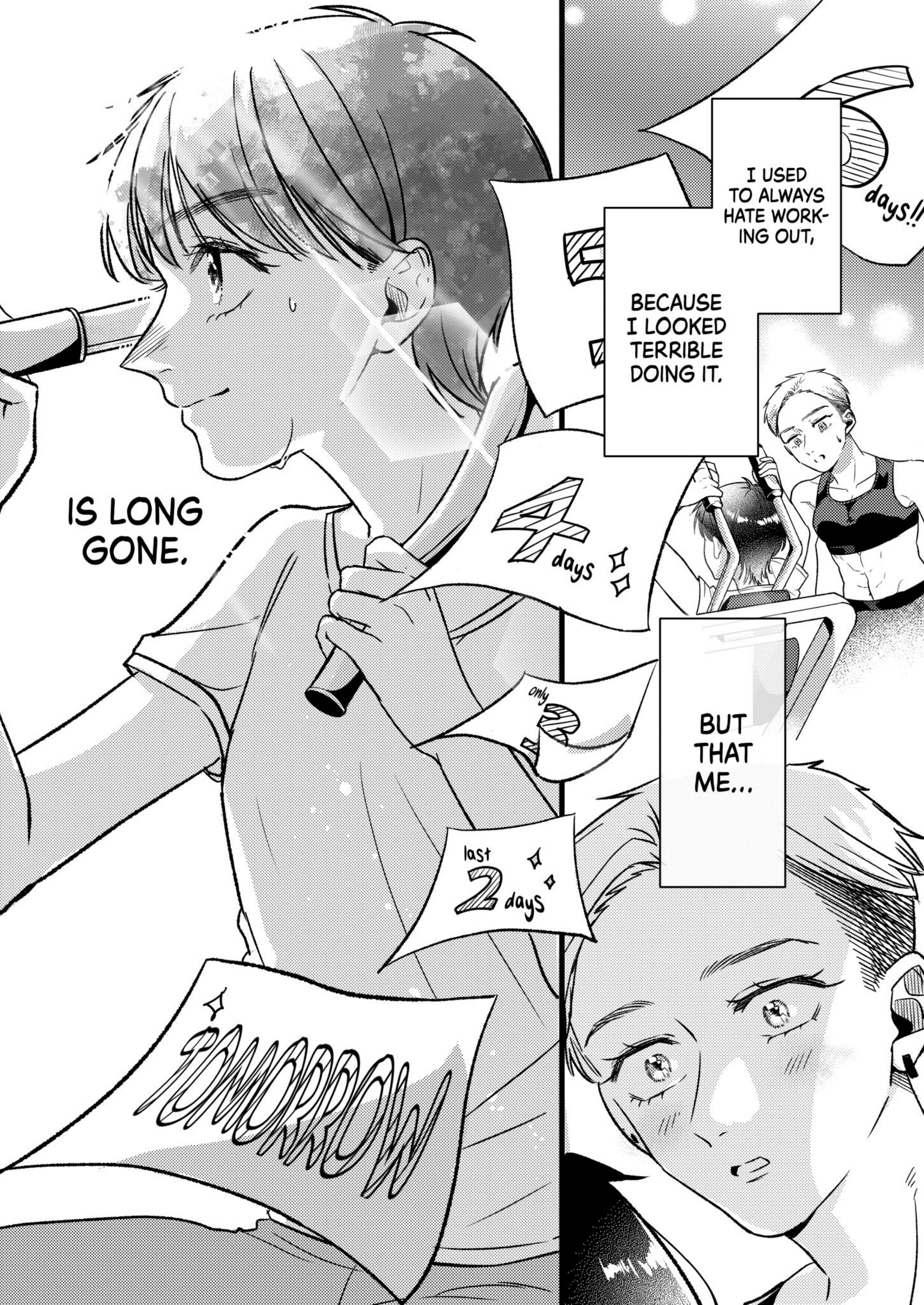

I'D LIKE TO
GO OUT
WITH YOU...
I SAID IT!
LIKE A DATE?
WHAT DO I DO?
I'VE GOTTEN CARRIED AWAY...
GRIP
WOULD SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

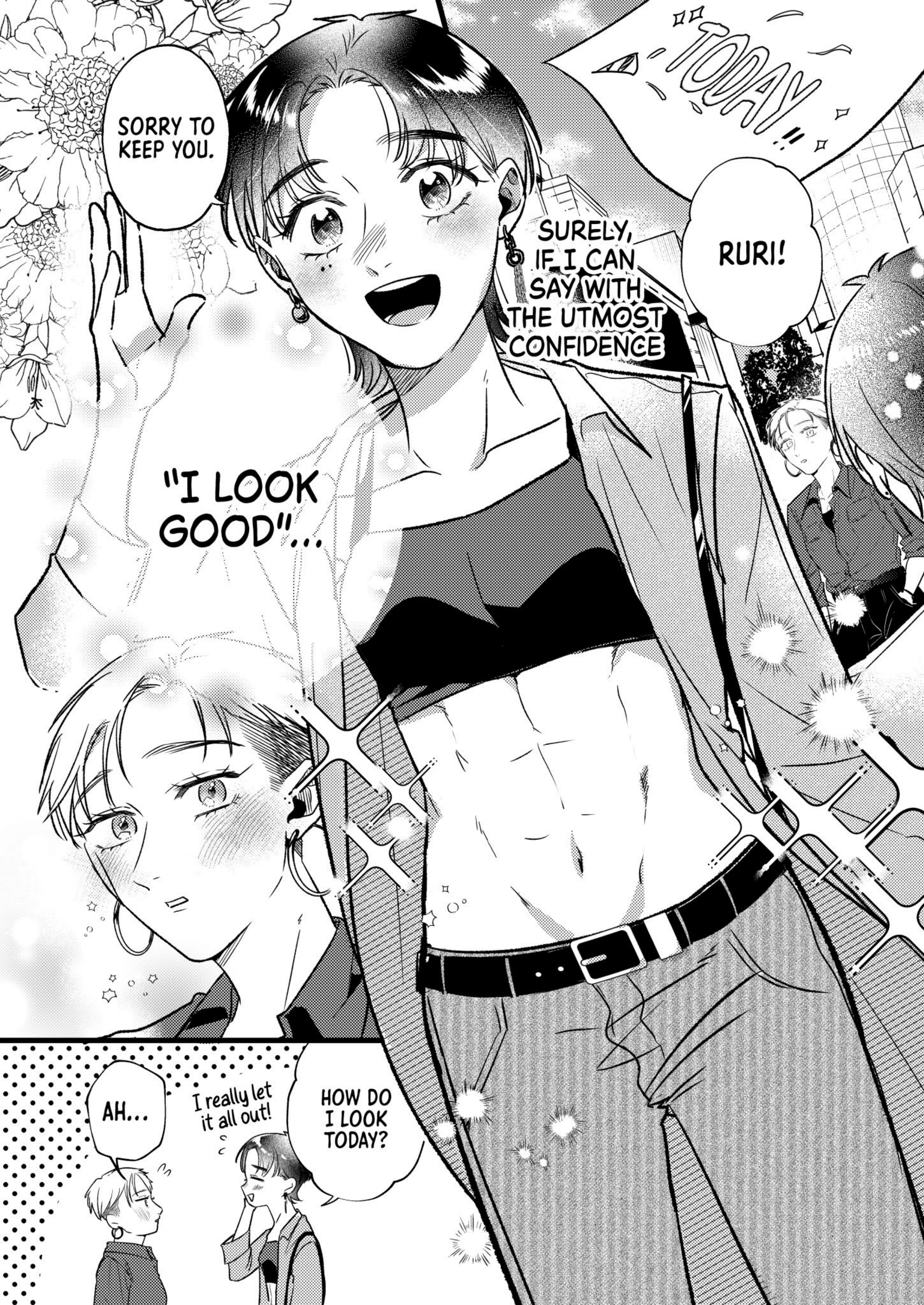

BE A REWARD TO YOU?
Heh...
S-SHE SMILED?!
BUT,
YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?
WHY ME...?
I'M UNFRIENDLY AND SCARY...
AND MY TRAINING IS INTENSE AND MERCILESS.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD LIKE
THIS SCARY MONSTER TRAINER...

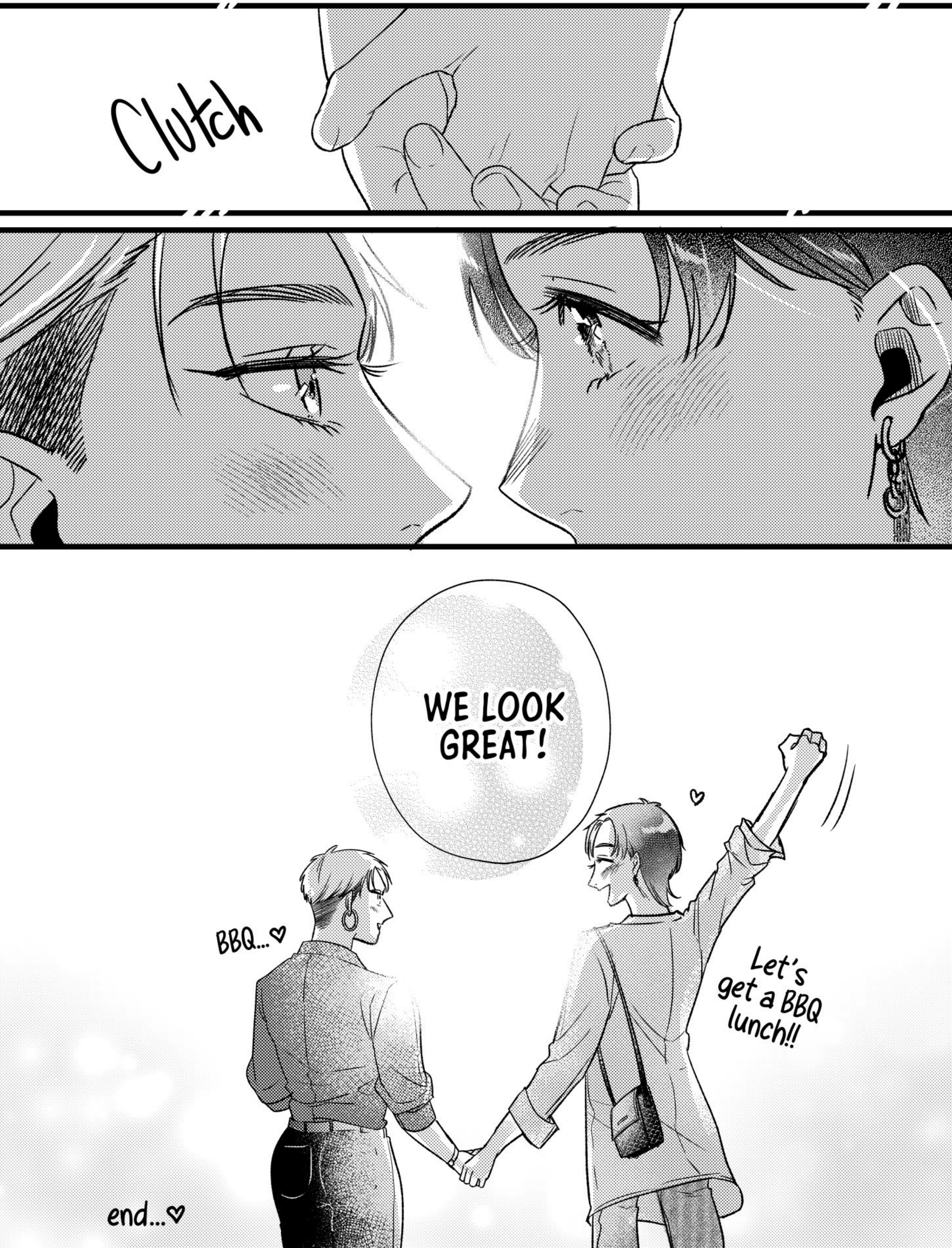

THAT'S NOT TRUE!
SURE, YOUR TRAINING IS IN-TENSE.
BUT THAT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE
ALWAYS CONSIDERING YOUR PATRONS' HEALTH, RIGHT, RURI?
Training Schedule
ALSO
THE REASON I COULD WORK HARD,
DESPITE HATING TO WORK OUT...
GRIP...
IS THE WAY YOU LOOK WHEN YOU'RE SERIOUSLY WORKING OUT.
I THINK YOU LOOK SO COOL!


SO, PLEASE DON'T THINK OF YOURSELF
AS UNLIKEABLE...
THAT'S RIGHT...
AFTER TRAINING WITH RURI,
I'M TIGHTENING UP!
I ALWAYS GAIN MORE CONFIDENCE.
I REALLY TRULY WANT TO GO OUT WITH YOU, RURI.
AND I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU!
THAT'S WHY, MOVING FORWARD...
BY THE DAY OF OUR DATE...


I'LL GET SCULPTED ABS,
IT'S TIME TO GIVE RURI HER CONFIDENCE!
JUST LIKE YOU, RURI!
heh...
YOU BETTER BE PREPARED.
Days until my date with Ruri
10 days
One more!
9 days
8 days
7 days
FITNESS CLUB
SILVER'S GYM


days!!
I USED TO ALWAYS HATE WORKING OUT,
BECAUSE I LOOKED TERRIBLE DOING IT.
BUT THAT ME...
4 days
only 3 days
last 2 days
TOMORROW
IS LONG GONE.


TODAY!!
RURI!
SURELY, IF I CAN SAY WITH THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE
SORRY TO KEEP YOU.
"I LOOK GOOD"...
HOW DO I LOOK TODAY?
I really let it all out!
AH...


Clutch
WE LOOK GREAT!
Let's get a BBQ lunch!!
BBQ...♡
end...♡

Thank you for reading!
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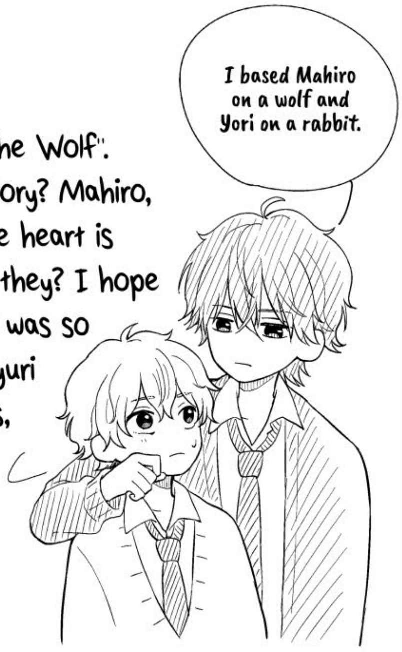
Afterword

Thank you very much for reading "Beware the Wolf". How was the Shojo style butch/butch yuri story? Mahiro, who has something to share, and Yori, whose heart is pounding for many reasons, are cute, aren't they? I hope to draw a sequel sometime. I was last, but I was so happy to take part in this wonderful butch yuri anthology project. To the artists, supporters, and readers, thank you very much.
Butch/butch is the best!!


I based Mahiro on a wolf and Yori on a rabbit.

Jackie
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Afterwords

This was my first time completely thinking up a story from scratch, and I'm relieved to say I was able to shape it somehow. I learned working in the middle of the night isn't so great. I will be a morning person (3 A.M.) from now on. I'm thankful from the bottom of my heart to everyone who took part in the whole project, and to everyone taking the time to read this. Thank you very much.

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Mirin

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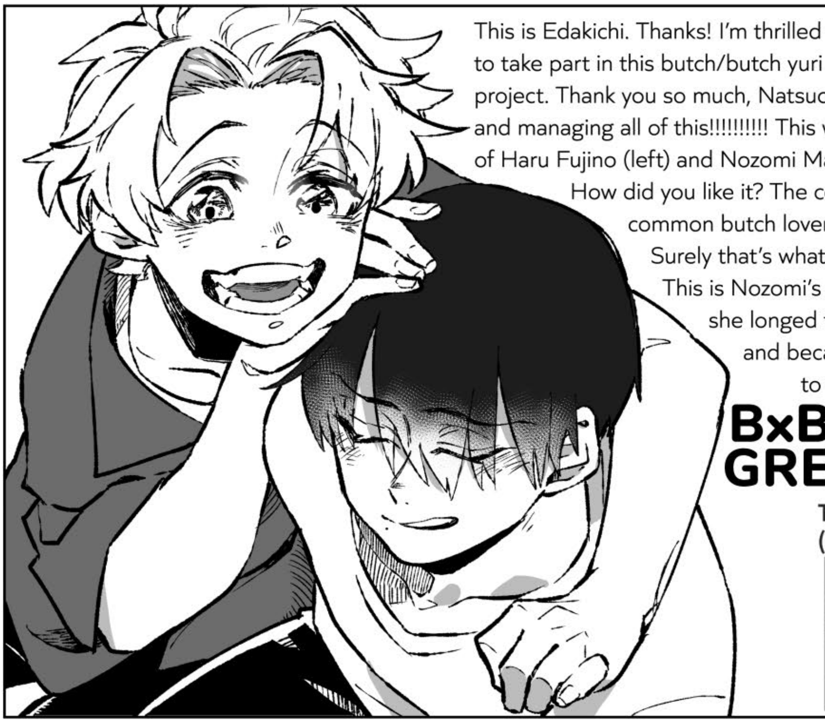

This is Edakichi. Thanks! I'm thrilled to be able to take part in this butch/butch yuri anthology project. Thank you so much, Natsuo, for planning and managing all of this!!!!!!!!!! This was the story of Haru Fujino (left) and Nozomi Maebara (right). How did you like it? The concept was a common butch lovers' mood. Surely that's what it was. Surely. This is Nozomi's story of how she longed for "coolness", and became attracted to the cool Haru.

BxB is GREAT. Let's have some more.

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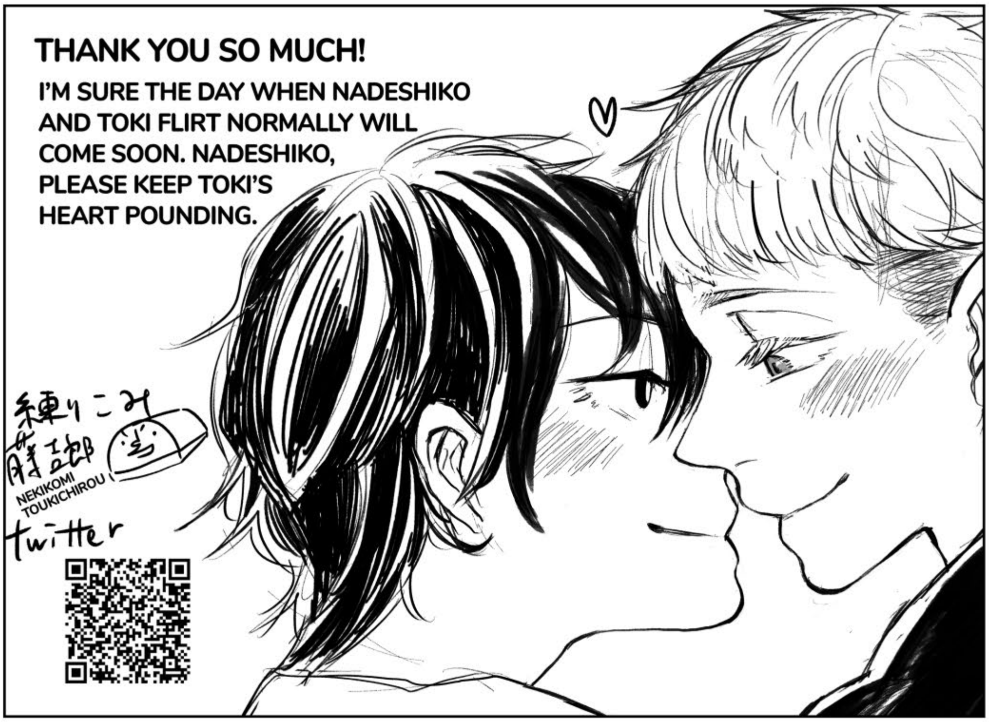
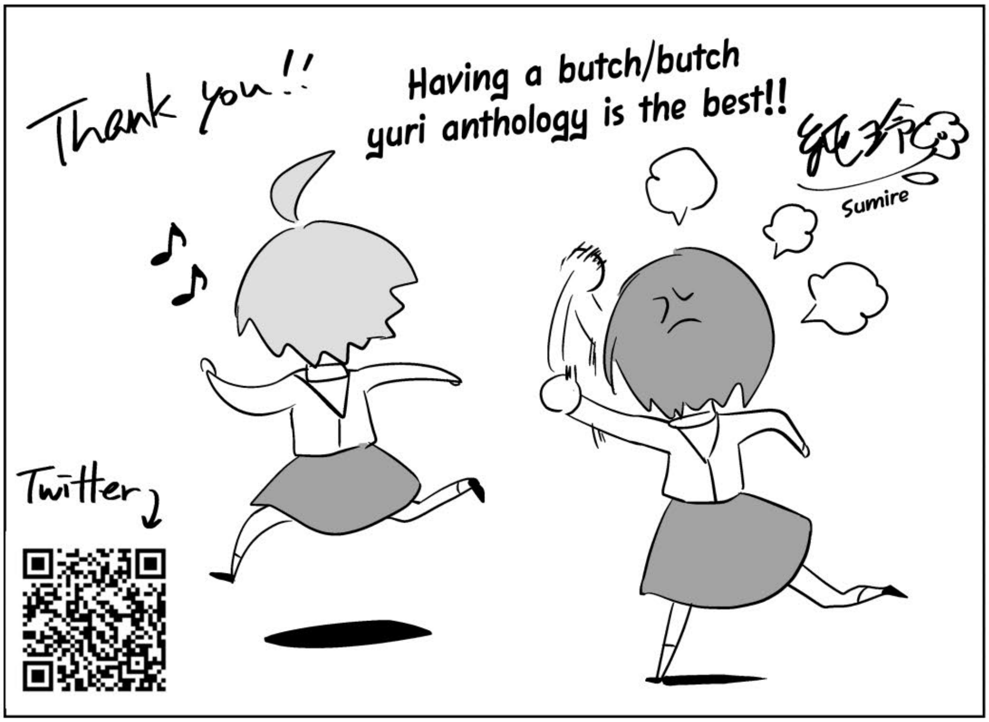
Afterwords


THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I'M SURE THE DAY WHEN NADESHIKO AND TOKI FLIRT NORMALLY WILL COME SOON. NADESHIKO, PLEASE KEEP TOKI'S HEART POUNDING.
練りこみ
時吉郎
NEKIKOMI TOUKICHIROU
twitter

ありがとう
ございました
Thank you very much
Chiruda Shimako 散田


Thank you!!
Having a butch/butch yuri anthology is the best!!
純玲
Sumire
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Thank you so very much for allowing me to take part in this butch yuri anthology!! Not only is this my first anthology, but this was my first time writing a manuscript, so some parts of the story or technical aspects might be a bit underdeveloped. I would appreciate if you read it with a kind eye.

In addition, I'd like to thank the organizer, fellow participants, and all involved in the anthology's production. If the crowdfunders and backers on kickstarter, and all those who have purchased this can enjoy it, the circle of butch/butch yuri will widen!!

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At first I meant to write a joke-heavy happy story, but before I knew it, it had become a story of a burdened woman...

Mint

Afterwords

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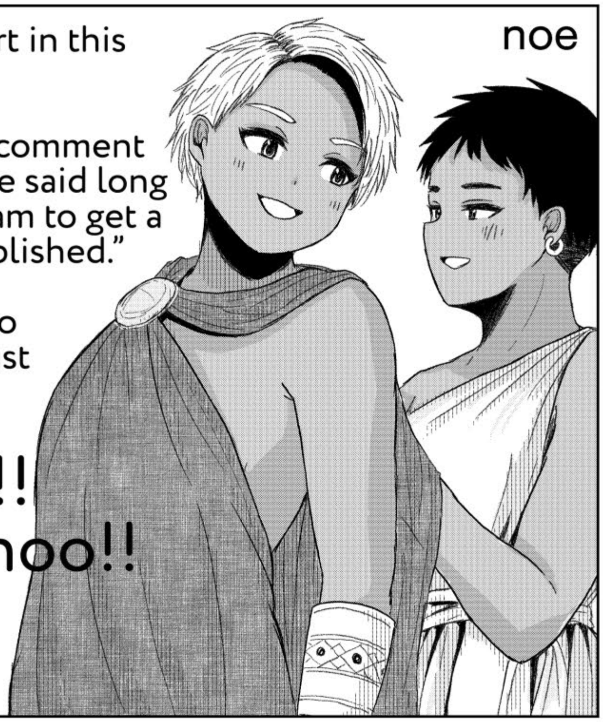
I'm honored to take part in this historic project!

It makes me think of a comment Ms. Milk Morinaga once said long ago: "It feels like a dream to get a book of yuri manga published."

And to think we'd get to read an anthology of just Butch x Butch…!!

It's amazing!!
Woohoo!!



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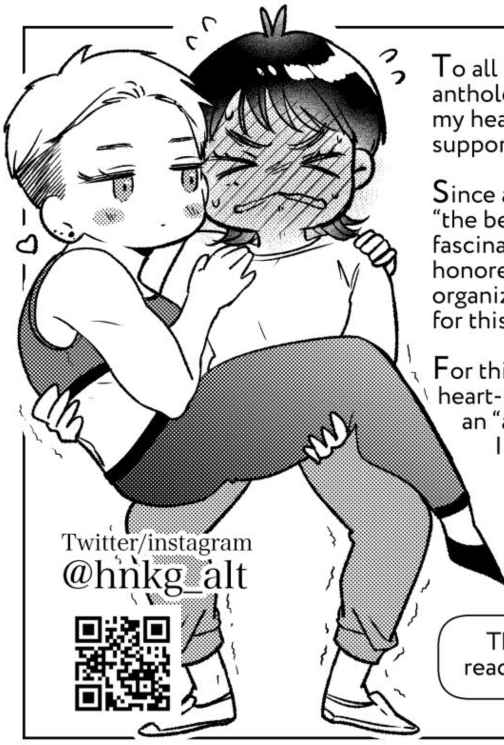

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To all of those who've bought this butch yuri anthology Boyish2, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you to all the crowdfunding supporters as well. I am truly grateful!

Since a single butch girl is "the best", butch yuri is "the best x the best", is it not? Hehe. I've been fascinated by butch yuri for a while, so I was quite honored to be invited into this by the anthology organizer, Natsuo-sensei! Thank you so much for this incredible anthology project!

For this story, I drew this wanting to make a shiny, heart-pounding tale of a "silent beauty" butch and an "adorably tall" butch's cuteness. How was it? I hope to continue drawing more butch yuri again next time!

Thanks so much for reading to the very end!
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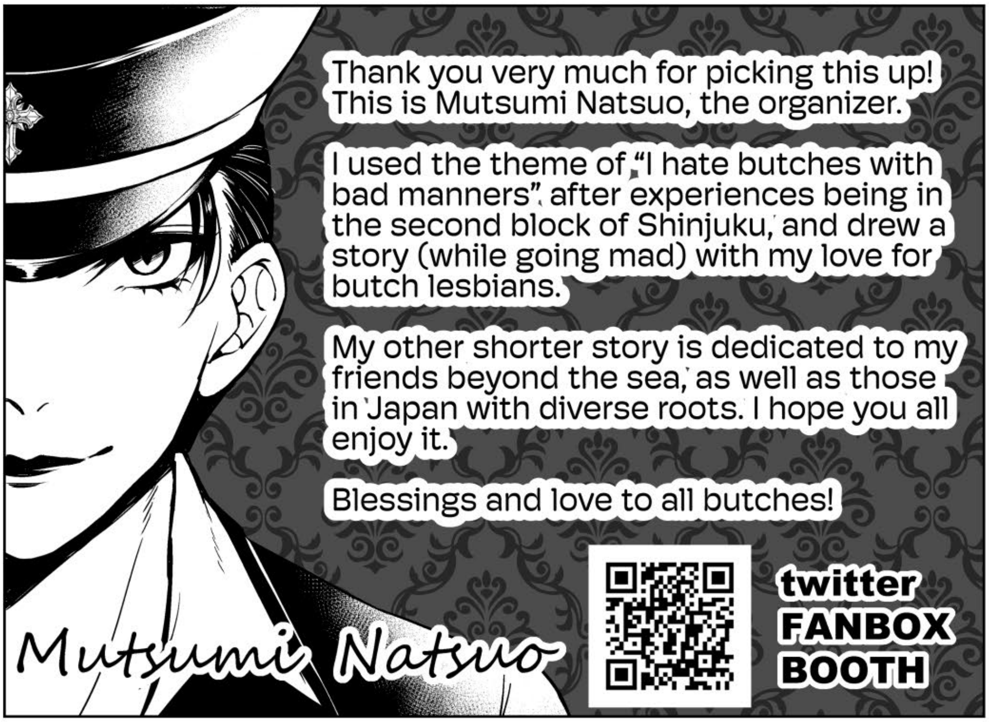

Thank you very much for picking this up! This is Mutsumi Natsuo, the organizer.

I used the theme of "I hate butches with bad manners" after experiences being in the second block of Shinjuku, and drew a story (while going mad) with my love for butch lesbians.

My other shorter story is dedicated to my friends beyond the sea, as well as those in Japan with diverse roots. I hope you all enjoy it.

Blessings and love to all butches!

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I'm Akizora Sawayaka, and this is my first time illustrating a book cover!
Do you all like butch female couples?
Everyone... Everyone!!!!!

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I was responsible for the cover design and text design.
I hope I was able to bring out the charm of this book.

Ayumi Shinozaki, Translator

As a queer Japanese American it was my honor to help bring these wonderful stories from Japan to the whole world.
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Please take care to read these comics from right to left.

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